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MRS. SANTA CLAUS.

UNCLE SAM'S DEAD LETTER EXPERT GUIDES STRAY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Sends out Many Presents to Children—Has a Remarkable Memory and Knowledge, and Deciphers the most Puzzling Addresses.

Tucked away in a little corner of the Postoffice Department at Washington behind a desk which has held a thousand interesting stories sits a charming white haired woman who is known the length and breadth of the land as "Mrs. Santa Claus."

The woman to whom this suggestively dear name has been given is Mrs.



MRS. "SANTA CLAUS"

Patti Lyle Collins, head of the "Opening and Unmailable Division" of the Postoffice Department.

Each holiday season brings to her desk thousands and thousands of "Santa Claus" letters and were she of the ordinary type of clerk, thinking only of the salary she draws twice a month, these letters might go into Uncle Sam's waste basket without so much as a thought for the writers.

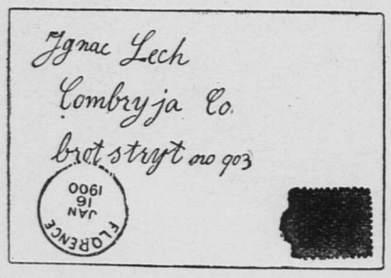
Not so with Mrs. Collins. Through her generous heart, her love for children and, possibly, with a memory or two of her own when she, too, believed in the real existence of the children's patron saint, this lovable woman attends first to her duties of returning the letters to their writers if this is possible and then she plays "Mrs. Santa Claus" to her army of little friends.

Christmas Presents to the Children

When such a thing is possible Mrs. Collins finds out the addresses of these children, sends them some little thing they have asked for and gets her friends interested in them until she has now earned the title which came to her so long ago merely through her associations with this part of Uncle Sam's postoffice.

This is rather the sentimental side of Mrs. Collins' work, but there is another and scientific phase of it which has made her invaluable to the Government. She is the official chirographical expert of the Department and through her efforts each year ninety per cent. of mail matter bearing manifestly indecipherable addresses finds its way to the person to whom it is addressed.

Mrs. Collins is a linguist and a deep student. Added to this she has stored away in her brain a fund of general



knowledge which enables her to solve problems which would puzzle a hundred other heads. Her knowledge of streets in various cities of Europe led to her compilation of a street directory of its countries.

The value of Mrs. Collins' work in ferreting out addresses is all the more notable when it is considered that each postoffice in all the large cities has a division especially set apart for deciphering illegible and otherwise puzzling addresses. So after this has been done letters which are still unclaimed are sent to the postoffice at Washington.

Knows All Languages.

Mrs. Collins has made such a study of this rather psychological work that she knows just what section of the country, even to the cities, in which various nationalties have settled. She can put her finger on the Japanese, the Chinese, Greeks, Spaniards, Italians and all the rest of them.

This particular talent has enabled Mrs. Collins to decipher many a letter which would have been otherwise unintelligible. Among the hundreds of such which she received the other day was one addressed to "Ygnac Lech, Combryja Co, brot stryt no 903, Szanony Pan."

How many, or rather how few, people would have known how to go about locating this person. The letter was postmarked Florence. Mrs. Collins' own store of information told her that the Cambria Iron Works of Johnstown, Pa., was employing a large number of Italians and she sent the letter on. Sure enough Mr. "Yanac Lech" was there and received the letter which, without Mrs. Collins' assistance would never have fallen into his hands.

A facetious student at the University of Virginia wrote to a young society girl in Washington and addressed the envelope entirely in Greek. It takes greater obstacles than that to balk Mrs. Collins and the young woman rereived her letter as promptly as if it had been addressed in the most legible English hand. The list of such letters is almost unlimited in length. A Spaniard sent a letter to "Sr. Fernado Maya, Fuerte galen Colo" and it was promptly forwarded to Mr. Maya at "Fort Garland, Colorado."

Mrs. Collins is a charming woman and occupies a tiny apartment in one of Washington's fashionable apartment houses.

Senator Harris Balked.

Henry Clay Evans, late consul general at London, was once in Congress from Tennessee and knows all the eminent men of that State. He was telling a good story the other night of Col. Sandford and Major Saunders, prominent business men of the Knoxville re- ion. They were once on a Pullman coming this way. It was hot and they sat in pajamas far into the night. An old man came in, lighted a cigar, smoked and said nothing. They did not recognize him, and kept on talking about the miserably poor representation, their State had in Congress. "It is a pity," said one of them "that a State like ours should have such poor worthless men at Washington. Our senators are no good, old Harris is played out and Josiah Patterson is the only man in the House that amounts to anything." At this remark the stranger arose and in a tone of thunder began to hurl invective and abuse at the two men. "It is about time I was taking part in this conversation," he yelled and went on to tell a few warm things to the astonished party of two. When he had subsided a bit one of them asked, "But who are you to get so mad about it?" "Who am I? Well, I am Senator Harris, ding you, and I have much more to say to scoundrels like you." Both men were amazed and they hastened to apologize. They all became friendly, and the old man often told the story on himself.

POLITICAL TAXATION.

LEGISLATION LIKELY REQUIRING PUBLICATION OF ALL LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

Such a Bill, Introduced Last Year, was Looked upon as a Crank Measure—Will be on a Different Basis This Session.

Exposure of the practice of the great life insurance companies and other corporations, of making contributions to political campaign funds and of devoting large amounts of money to influence legislation will bring before the next session of congress the question of the passage of a bill similar to that introduced at the last session by Representative Bourke Cockran, of New York, and familiarly known as the "Corrupt Practice" bill. It may not be that this bill will be taken up and given the serious consideration which it was denied at the last session, but that a bill containing provisions of the same general description as those of the Cockran bill will be introduced and pressed to a vote is a moral certainty.

The Cockran bill provided that every contribution of more than $50 to a national campaign fund should be reported to the clerk of the district court of the United States, Criminal penalties were provided for violations of the law.

Looked Upon as a Cockran Oddity.

The bill was treated with derision last winter, both by the daily press and by gentlemen of the House of Representatives, the Senate and Third House. It was worth a laugh, people said. There was very little corruption, they averred. The idea that corporations employed legislative agents and disbursed huge sums of money for or against certain bills was moonshine doled out by sensationalists to gratify the morbid fancy and the appetite for scandal of a peculiar class of people.

The legislative inquiry into the affairs and conduct of the Equitable Life and Mutual insurance companies at New York seems to have placed the matter of campaign contributions and legislative disbursements in other than a humorous light. It matters not whether the corporations come forward voluntarily with their contributions to campaign funds or whether they are solicited and hounded by campaign collectors until they contribute—the result is the same.

Vice-president Gillette of the Mutual Life Insurance Company testified that his company contributed $92,500 of the policy holders' money to the republican committees in the last three presidential campaigns, and John A. McCall, president of the New York Life Insurance Company admitted that he had contributed $150,000 of the company's funds to the same committees. In fact the big companies have frequently been contributors to both political parties.

Public May Demand Legislation.

There are two questions involved in any fair consideration of these disclosures. The first is the desirability of corporations taking such an active and influential part in political campaigns and the second is the morality of corporation officers making contributions on their own initiative out of funds that are really trust funds.

Of course a law can be made prohibiting campaign contributions by insurance companies or other corporations. This may correct the abuse or it may not. Laws are not always obeyed or enforced. There, for example are the laws of Moses. The world has been violating them for thousands of years. It might be considered fair if the directors of every insurance company, savings bank, trust company or other corporation handling the people's money, would adopt a rule forbidding absolutely all such contributions and holding every officer financially and morally responsible for its observance. Second, political candidates and committees could announce that they would neither solicit nor receive contributions.

Public sentiment is rapidly crystalizing into the conviction that corporate contributions should either be made impossible or else required to be made in such public fashion that they would be robbed of their baneful effect.



Baby's First Christmas.

Long, long ago the Wise Men, we are told,
Laden with Myrrh and frankincense and gold,
journeyed afar, and found the Shepherd's fold
On the first Christmas Day.

And now both young and old, with shining eyes
Gather to watch their Baby's glad surprise,
His ecstasies, his joy, his gleeful cries,
On his first Christmas day.

Oh Baby, Baby, may thy life be sweet;
May God-sent angels guide thy little feet;
May every day to come be as complete
As thy first Christmas day.

Foote's Farrago.

Foote, the comedian, when a young person of either sex applied for a position, seldom refused outright, but gravely handed them the following lines, and asked them to commit and repeat them to him correctly in ten minutes. If repeated with no error, he promptly took them for trial.

That there could be no collusion with those who applied later, he frequently changed the order of the lines and the proper names:

So she went into the garden to cut a cabbage leaf to make an apple pie and at that time a great she-bear coming up the street pops its head into the shop. What, no soap? So he died and she very impudently married the barber: and there were present the Picninnies, and the Joblilies and the Garyulies and the great Panjandrum himself with the little round button at the top, and they fell to playing the game of "catch as catch can," till the gunpowder ran out the heels of their boots.

The popularity of "Trilby" for a time exceeded that of any novel published, with the possible exception of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

NEW PONTOON BRIDGES.

Collapsible Boats of Canvas Which Can be Carried by One Man.

The soldiers of the United States Engineers' Corps seem to have solved one of the greatest problems which has confronted generals in command of an army when on the march. Small unfordable streams are often encountered by the army and these must be crossed in the shortest time possible. In fact large rivers often confront an army when about to give battle to the enemy, and it would take weeks, if not months, to construct even temporary bridges to allow the men with their heavy armaments to cross. The pontoon boat, of course, is well known to every reader of history, for this most useful auxiliary came into great use during the war of the Rebellion. The pontoon train, however, is a very cumbersome affair when the ordinary flat bottom boat with the necessary timbers and accessories are packed on to what is known as the "pontoon train." The German army recently adopted a sort of sectional pontoon boat which allowed of greater mobility to the train.

However, the soldiers of the United States Engineer Battalion have been drilling in the use of pontoon boats made of heavy canvass stretched over a wooden frame. These boats are water-tight and when assembled are capable of supporting six or more men. A boat may be taken apart and packed into a small bundle light enough to be carried by one man. Upon arrival at a small stream all that is necessary is for each man to unstrap his bundle, quickly put the boat into shape, and launch it into the water. The wagons which must necessarily carry the timbering and flooring of the bridge to be, can be sent forward with a much smaller guard than is necessary when the cumbersome pontoon train wagons, each carrying a boat or section, are in motion.

One Good Use for Millionaires.

Regret has been often expressed regarding the threatened extinction of many species of wild animals.

Of late, however, some of the world's millionaires have begun to devote their attention to the task of preserving them, and numbers of wealthy men have established or endowed parks and private zoological gardens, in which buffaloes, antelopes, giraffes, gnus, and other dwindling species are carefully cherished. In some cases herds of bison are kept, after the fashion of deer, on the estates of great landowners.

Nor are Europe and Asia behindhand. Large preserves of big game are to be found in France and Germany, and in England the Duke of Bedford has made a wonderful collection of wild animals at Woburn Park. It comprises many rare animals, including waterbuck, gnus, sable antelopes, and some almost extinct species of deer.

Strong on Details.

"'Rastus, where's that rake?"
"De rake's wid de hoe, Marster.
"Well, then, where's the hoe?"
"Marster, de hoe's wid de rake."
"Well, 'Rastus, confound it, where are they both?"
"Dey's boff togedder, Marster. 'Pears like youse pow'ful tickler 'bout details d's mawnin'. You leave de regulatin of all dat to me, Marster, and I'll look out fo' yo' interests."

Time to Move.

Oh that I were where I would be,
Then would I be where I am not,
For where I am, I would not be,
And where I could be, I cannot.

WHITE HOUSE XMAS DINNER.

THE ROOSEVELT FAMILY CELEBRATES IN THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED WAY.

Always Have Huge Rhode Island Turkey Which is not Spoiled by French Cooks.—President Himself Does the Carving.

Old fashioned cooks and old fashioned cookery hold the fort in the White House kitchen at Christmastide. When the President and Mrs. Roosevelt give one of their great state dinners to eighty or one hundred guests, they usually entrust all the preparations to professional caterers, but when it comes to the dinner which



THE PRESIDENT'S TURKEY

is pre-eminently the home meal of the year the French chefs have to give way to women who know just how to prepare the generous wholesome dishes that an American citizen looks forward to finding on his dinner table on the joyous holiday. President Roosevelt also shows a fondness for carving the turkey himself.

A good old fashioned Christmas dinner, moreover, with all the essentials from turkey to plum pudding is a regular institution at the White House during the present administration. Perhaps President Roosevelt, with his assertive good health and his family of lively young folks, are particularly well qualified to appreciate a rousing yule-tide feast, but whatever be the reason certain it is that during the Roosevelt regime the Christmas repast has become one of the most important as well as one of the jolliest meals of the year.

To Be Family Reunion.

President Roosevelt and his family follow the general policy of all previous occupants of the White House in observing Christmas as a family festival. This year it will have especial significance as a reunion, since of late months the junior members of the Roosevelt household have been scattered as never before, by reason of their attendance at different schools and colleges. The Roosevelt Christmas, while a family affair, is by no means confined to the immediate household. The Roosevelt children have long been allowed to entertain their numerous cousins on Christmas and other relatives are likewise in attendance, while the President and Mrs. Roosevelt usually ask a few personal friends to also join the party.

Christmas dinner at the White House is served in the evening and the President arouses an appetite for it by

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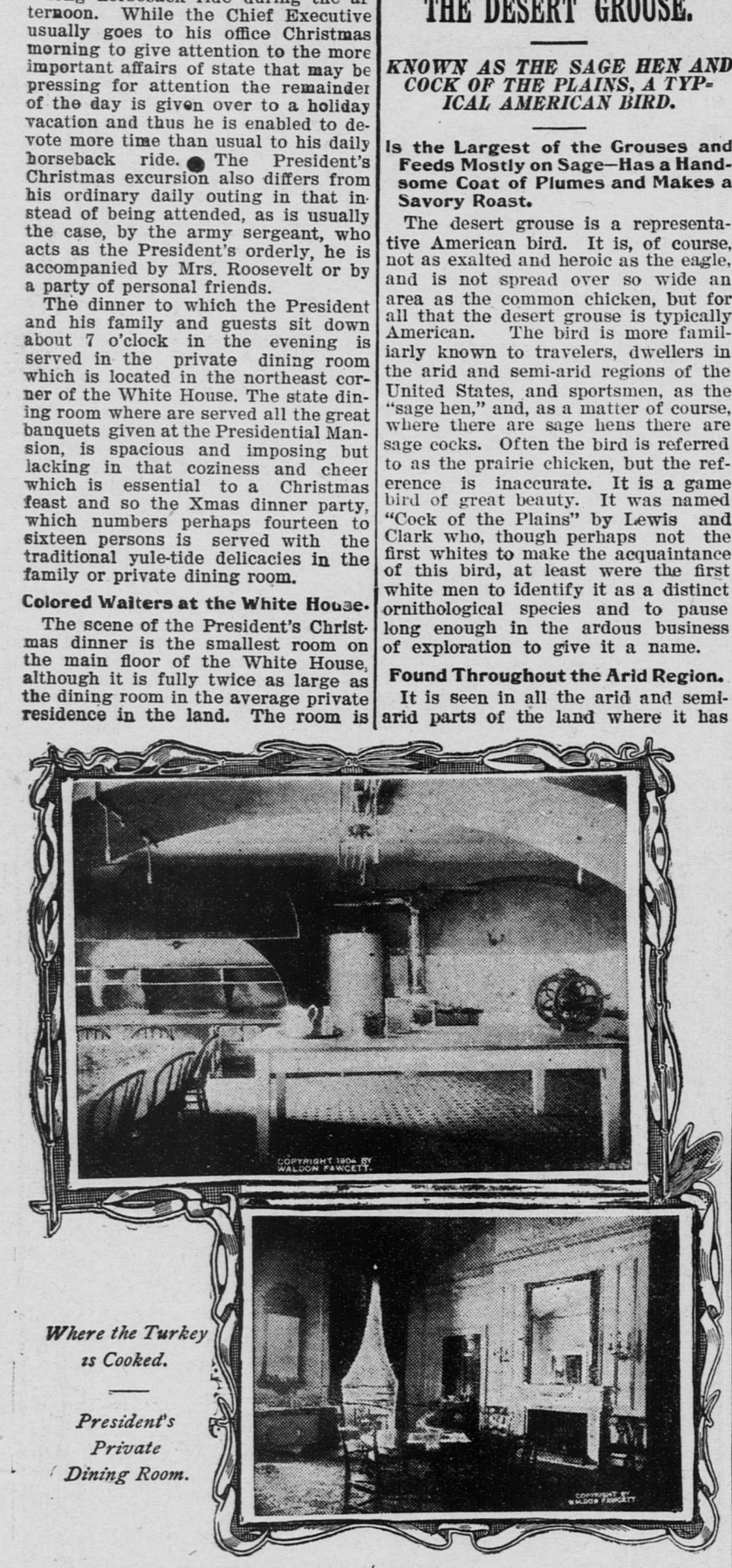
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a long horseback ride during the afternoon. While the Chief Executive usually goes to his office Christmas morning to give attention to the more important affairs of state that may be pressing for attention the remainder of the day is given over to a holiday vacation and thus he is enabled to devote more time than usual to his daily horseback ride. The President's Christmas excursion also differs from his ordinary daily outing in that instead of being attended, as is usually the case, by the army sergeant, who acts as the President's orderly, he is accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt or by a party of personal friends.

The dinner to which the President and his family and guests sit down about 7 o'clock in the evening is served in the private dining room which is located in the northeast corner of the White House. The state dining room where are served all the great banquets given at the Presidential Mansion, is spacious and imposing but lacking in that coziness and cheer which is essential to a Christmas feast and so the Xmas dinner party, which numbers perhaps fourteen to sixteen persons is served with the traditional yule-tide delicacies in the family or private dining room.

Colored Waiters at the White House.

The scene of the President's Christmas dinner is the smallest room on the main floor of the White House, although it is fully twice as large as the dining room in the average private residence in the land. The room is



Where the Turkey is Cooked.

President's Private Dining Room.

in the Colonial style with white walls and woodwork and is furnished with rare old pieces of mahogany furniture most of which were discovered by Mrs. Roosevelt in out-of-the-way localities in Virginia and Maryland. The dinner is served by colored waiters and the table is laid with Mrs. Roosevelt's new china—delicate ware tastefully ornamented with a Colonial pattern in gold, each piece bearing a tiny representation of the seal of the United States in colors.

The dinner is prepared in the refitted White House kitchens, which are located in the basement directly below the private dining room. There are two kitchens, one about 25 by 40 feet in size and, opening from it, a smaller kitchen of about one-half the size. Ordinarily the equipment of the smaller or family kitchen is sufficient for the preparation of the dinner for a select party at the Executive Mansion, but at Christmas the great hooded range in the larger tiled kitchen is brought into use for the roasting of the thirty-pound Christmas turkey, sent by Horace Vose, the Rhode Island farmer who for thirty-five years past has sent each year a magnificent specimen of the king of fowls for the President's Christmas dinner.

Gobblers from Far and Wide.

Indeed, the President's Christmas dinner does not cost him very much, for Uncle Sam pays the wages of many of the White House employees who have a hand in preparing it and almost all of the "goodies" which grace the festive board are donated by admiring friends of the President. Not only does Horace Vose send a prize-winning turkey, but gobblers that rival it in size come from poultry raisers in other sections of the country, and there are donations of cranberries from Cape Cod, a parcel of the famous "Roosevelt potatoes" sent by the farm hands on the President's estate at Oyster Bay and other delicacies sent by "neighbors" far and near.

Such marketing as is necessary to fill out the menu for the President's Christmas dinner is done by Henry Pinckney, a colored man who holds the position of White House Steward and draws a salary of $1,800 a year from the government for managing the domestic affairs at the White House. A day or two before Christmas Steward Pinckney sets out in the unpretentious vehicle which serves as the President's private market wagon and makes the round of the markets—for the White House patronage is not confined to any one merchant. In preparation for the Christmas dinner it is presumably not necessary to purchase any coffee, sugar, salt or other staples, for all such supplies for the Presidential mansion are purchased in quantity and kept in a storeroom adjoining the kitchen, which looks like a full-fledged grocery store.

All in all, the White House Christmas festival comes pretty near being a counterpart of the old-time, old-fashioned institution of our forefathers.

It is well on toward 8.30 o'clock 'ere the last piece of mince pie has disappeared, and then the entire party, from the President to Quentin, the youngest occupant of the White House, makes a bee line for the big East Room, where a rousing frolic winds up the holiday.

THE DESERT GROUSE.

KNOWN AS THE SAGE HEN AND COCK OF THE PLAINS, A TYPICAL AMERICAN BIRD.

Is the Largest of the Grouses and Feeds Mostly on Sage—Has a Handsome Coat of Plumes and Makes a Savory Roast.

The desert grouse is a representative American bird. It is, of course, not as exalted and heroic as the eagle, and is not spread over so wide an area as the common chicken, but for all that the desert grouse is typically American. The bird is more familiarly known to travelers, dwellers in the arid and semi-arid regions of the United States, and sportsmen, as the "sage hen," and, as a matter of course, where there are sage hens there are sage cocks. Often the bird is referred to as the prairie chicken, but the reference is inaccurate. It is a game bird of great beauty. It was named "Cock of the Plains" by Lewis and Clark who, though perhaps not the first whites to make the acquaintance of this bird, at least were the first white men to identify it as a distinct ornithological species and to pause long enough in the ardous business of exploration to give it a name.

Found Throughout the Arid Region.

It is seen in all the arid and semi-arid parts of the land where it has not been exterminated, and is very common in those great dry stretches of the continent where man has not crowded it to death and where the sage brush grows. To say that this bird has its home in the droughty regions of the United States is to say how extensively it is distributed, for everybody who knows anything about the country, knows how vast is that empire laid down on the early maps as "desert". The word desert as applied to the unwatered reaches of the west is misleading. On those deserts there is plenty of vegetation and animal life. Though in many places water is scarce, life may be easily sustained in these American deserts. Irrigation shows how fertile these lands are when the water is poured on. All over dry lands grows that wild shrub, called by botanists artemisia, but which everybody else calls sage brush.

Feeds Mostly on Sage.

No doubt it belongs to the same family as does the garden sage of the east. It has the dust-green color of sage, smells like sage, tastes like sage, and animals that feed on its leaves and yellow flowers flavor their flesh with sage. Well, wherever this plant grows the desert grouse may be found The grouse feeds and fattens on sage. There is nothing he likes better. He must have it. Let the sage be destroyed and the bird moves on. The desert grouse is the largest grouse of the western world and it is exceeded in size only by the great grouse of Europe—the capercailzie. It is very superior in size and strength to the common prairie hen or the pinnated grouse, usually weighing twice or thrice as much as that bird. It will measure two or three feet from tip of wing to tip. Living in a gray land, nature has provided for the protection of the bird by making it also gray. It is curious how nature looks after its creatures by making their color, as a rule, harmonize with the landscape. In grouse-land there is a great deal of alkali in the soil and over that grows the gray-green shrubbery. The sage grouse seeks its safety in concealment rather than in flight.

Handsome Though not Brilliant.

Though the general color effect of the grouse is gray yet it has markings of white and black. A large black patch underneath the bird's body is a feature of the desert grouse. On his shoulders he wears epauletts of white. The reason for these white shoulders is that in browsing through the sage brush all his days the heavy gray feathers are worn off, exposing the fine white nether feathers.

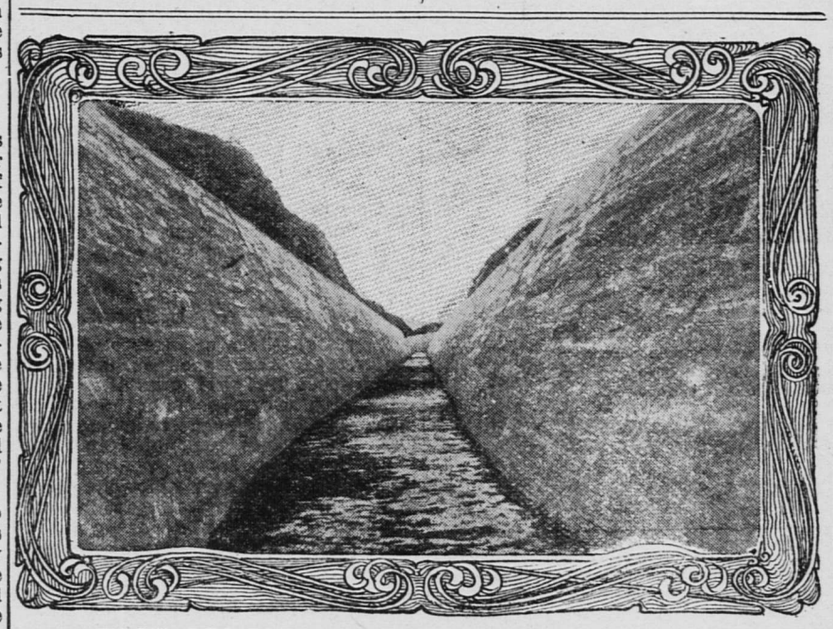
The grouse, though not a high-flyer and not so agile on the wing as his eastern cousin, possesses great leg power. He is active and speedy as a runner, rather quick to take fright and is an expert in losing himself among the brush. It should not be understood that these birds do not rise from cover. They often do. Hunters seek so to frighten the birds that they will rise. It is not difficult shooting then.

The grouse of the desert has that general grouse trait ,the "whirr". When he rises it is said that he whirrs louder than the eastern grouse. When thoroughly roused to his task he is a pretty strong flyer and can go a mile at a stretch, alternately sailing and flapping.

The flesh of the desert grouse is good when not too sagey. The young birds, when feeding on grass-hoppers, are unsurpassed for tenderness and flavor. The older birds, as with all the other feathered tribes, are not so tender as the young. When feeding exclusively on sage their flesh is strongly impregnated with the flavor of shrub, somewhat unpleasantly so. One is reminded of the taste of partridge meat when that bird has been feeding on resinous buds in the autumn.

He Trusted Rockefeller.

Dr. Gustav C. E. Weber, of Cleveland, Ohio, recently consul at Nuremburg is one of the pioneer doctors of his city. Years ago he was visited by a young man who required a surgical operation, but explained that he was only getting fifty dollars a month and would have to pay by installment. Weber said he would risk it and it took the youth about a year to pay up. The lad was John D. Rockefeller, and only a short time ago he sent for Weber, asking for medical advice, there having been a recurrence of the trouble for which Weber had operated forty years ago. Weber made an examination and told Mr. Rockefeller that any medical student could do it and that he himself was out of practice. Rockefeller opened a drawer, counted out $500, and handing the roll to Weber remarked, "It does not take so long to pay the bill this time." Weber declined the money, saying he wished no fee for a friendly visit. "Take it," said Rockefeller, "and give to some poor medical student, who is struggling for his education." Weber remarked in telling the story that he couldn't think of any struggling medical student just then and——, but what was the ailment that required a surgical operation?



THE FIRST COMPLETED GOVERNMENT IRRIGATION CANAL.

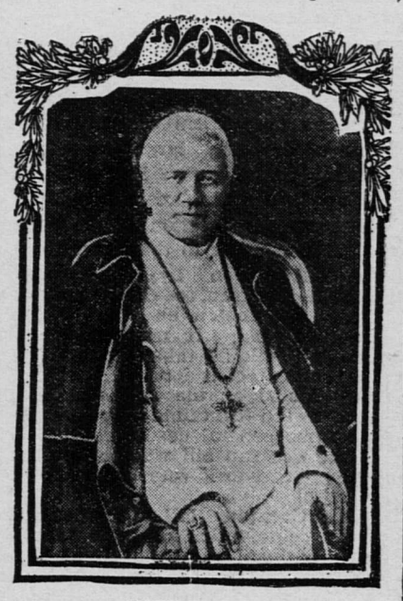
The extent of the government irrigation problem is indicated by a recent schedule issued by the Reclamation Service of the Interior Department, showing that the work of reclaiming the desert is well under way. At this time the government plan in various stages of progress requiring the expenditure of $32,870,000, which will supply water for the irrigation of 1,839,000 acres of land, the expense being $17.50 per acre. Other government reports estimate that there are about 600,000,000 acres of so-called arid land, whose chief products are sage brush and cactus. This amounts to more than one-third of the United States, and out of which might be carved four countries the size of France, four more as large as Germany and two states as large as New York. Private enterprise has reclaimed about 10,000,000 of this domain, which is to-day the backbone of the West. The enormous possibilities of the government irrigation work is shown by the various expert estimates which place the additional area which can be irrigated at from 75,000,000 to 100,000,000 acres. The government plan as provided for in the irrigation law is to store the flood waters of the western rivers, reclaiming this land as fast as possible; but the settlers who take the land are required to pay back to the government the cost of the construction of each project, so that the actual expense to the government will all be paid. The final estimates of the possibilities of increased population are one person to each irrigated acre, so that there seems a future population for the West as great or greater than the total population of the country to-day. Ten or twenty acres, in the more highly developed irrigation sections of the West is stated to be sufficient for the support of a family, owing to the fact that under irrigation numerous and sure crops can be raised. In the Southwest, three or four crops are grown on the same land each year.

CATHOLIC DIVORCES.

VATICAN ANNULS MARRIAGES IN CERTAIN CASES.—ATTORNEYS OF ST. PETER.

Ambassador Whitelaw Reid appoints son of English Earl as Chief Lackey—The Tipping Question.—Other Foreign Gossip.

It is stated on authority that the Vatican will always annul a marriage if it can be proved to its entire satisfaction that one or the other of the parties to the alliance was not a free agent in the matter. One of the most notable cases of annulment of a princely marriage, on grounds such as these, was the dissolution some years ago of the marriage bonds of the reigning Prince of Monaco and his first wife, Lady Mary Hamilton. At the same time the Vatican pronounced the marriage null and void it also pronounced that her son was, in every sense of the word, legitimate. Princess Mary, whose mother was a princess of the reigning honse of Baden and whose father was the English Duke of Hamilton, was forced by her kinsman and guardian,



POPE PIUS X.

the late Emperor Napoleon, to give her hand in marriage to Albert of Monaco. The latter showed himself a singularly neglectful and unkind husband, and her life at Monte Carlo became so intolerable that she took to flight, carrying her infant child with her. She sought refuge at Florence, where the Italian police, acting on behalf of the Prince, made a sensational attempt to take the boy away from her. The plot was frustrated by the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia, who took mother and infant under her protection and defied the Italian authorities to cross the threshold of her residence. Princess Mary, after that, married Count Tassilo Festetics of Tolna, one of the magnates of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, who occupied an excellent position at the Court of Vienna. Prince Albert of Monaco married again, the next Princess of Monaco being an American girl, a daughter of a New Orleans banker, Michael Heine. His second matrimonial venture, however, turned out as unfortunate as the first, a divorce breaking the ties between them.

One most important factor in defending the rights of the Roman Catholic Church, and adding to the perfection of its wonderful and thorough-working machine, is the order or society of "The Attorneys of St. Peter." It is safe to say that nine out of ten people in this country have never heard of this order of legal counsellors of the Vatican, which, in this country, is represented by some of the brightest legal minds. It is composed of eminent Roman Catholic lawyers in different parts of the world, with branches in the various great capitals. The order was founded by Pius IX., and the first of the statutes of the order indicates its object, restricting, as it does, the membership to those members of the legal profession who have given adequate proofs of their unselfish devotion to the interests of the Church, especially in legal matters. The only insignia of the order is a medallion showing a violet cross on a white enameled ground. I believe I am correct in saying that Cardinal Rampolla has charge of the order.

Our Ambassador at the Court of St. James, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, has at last appointed his chief lackey. He is the Hon. William Walsh. The post bestowed upon the Hon. Walsh is that of controller of Mr. Reid's household, an office quite unknown in this democratic country of ours, but which exists in many aristocratic families in England and in all royal establishments, from the King's down. In reality, the comptroller is a species of upper servant, ranking several degrees higher than a chief butler, whose business it is to see that all domestic matters run smoothly. Mr. Reid is the first American ambassador to employ such a functionary, but no other American ambassador to the Court of St. James has lived in so much style as Mr Reid maintains. As that is what Americans seem to expect of their representatives abroad nowadays, when they pay for it out of their own pockets, Mr. Reid is really to be congratulated on his success in obtaining the services of the son of a belted earl as his chief lackey. The Hon. Walsh is the third son of Lord Ormathwaite. Third sons of peers are usually not well off. The Hon. Walsh is to be commended for doing something to earn an honest penny. If his pay is not much, his duties are not particularly onerous, and if ambitious he will have plenty of spare time in which to look around for a better job. Meanwhile he is comfortably domiciled at Dorchester House, the marble palace in Park Lane, which Ambassador Reid has taken as his London residence. The Hon. Walsh is engaged to be married to Lady Norah-Spencer-Churchill, the youngest sister of the Duke of Marlborough. Though she can hardly be called youthful, she is several years younger than her fiance. As far as pedigree counts for anything, however, the Hon. Walsh is no bad match for her, for he can boast ducal blood, too.

If the Duke of Devonshire's rule against any of his servants accepting "tips" could be successfully introduced in this country all would be well. There are a few of the old nobility of England who set a laudable example of prohibiting their servants accepting gratuities from visitors or guests. The Duke of Devonshire, for instance, makes it an inflexible rule that no servant of his shall take a tip. When, however, a party of Americans recently visited Chatsworth, the Duke's Derbyshire seat, and were entertained to luncheon and shown over the beautiful grounds by the Duke's steward, the leaders of the party thought the usual "shell out" must be the climax of the day's enjoyment. The party consisted of four men and three women, and among them $35 was subscribed. With commendable discretion the money was not offered to the steward, who, of course, is above accepting recognition of the kind, but to an underfootman, who saw the party to and from the railway station. But the footman pointed out that it was against the rules of the Duke's establishment to accept gratuities "in money." That seemed to suggest a way of getting around the rule. The next day various articles of jewelry reached the steward from London with the request that they be distributed among the staff at his discretion. The leaders of the party were Edmund H. Abbott, of New York, and Alexander Cattanach, of Salem, Mass., and both had introductions from Sir Thomas Lipton. The Duke and Duchess were not in residence at Chatsworth at the time of the visit, but the latter sent one of her maids specially up from London to look after the ladies. The beauties of Matlock, Buxton and Bakewell were fully explored before they returned to town.

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Humor of King Edward.

Returned tourists who have been in touch with the nobility in Europe, bring back a few good stories of King Edward. One tale runs like this: The King was driving alone in a dog cart near one of his country palaces one day and caught up with an old fish woman, who was trudging to the village to sell her wares. She did not recognize the king and asked him for a lift. He responded graciously and helped her into the cart. As they drove along she begged him to buy her fish pleading poverty and a big family at home. The king said he had plenty of fish at home and would not buy any. However, he would give her his portrait which he thought would be just as good as buying her fish. "Ye are a fine looking man, but your portrait would not buy shoes for the children," said the old woman. "Oh, I think it will help you," he responded, and handed her a sovereign which has on one side his profile. When she saw that she was riding with the king and spilled her fish. The king handed her another coin and dropped her out at her destination. At another time when he was Prince and attending a theatre, a fire broke out near by and every one helped to quench the blaze The Prince in evening dress, worked with the others in passing buckets of water. A big pompous man was standing by doing nothing. "Why don't you help?" asked the Prince. The pompous man swelled up and remarked, "I am a gentleman, sir, and do no such menial tasks." "Don't let that hurt you," responded the Prince. "I am only the Prince of Wales."

Cost of Discovering America.

The great extent and value of Queen Isabel's jewel bag, the proceeds of which fitted out Columbus, is more or less of a myth. But in these days, when millionaire yachtsmen spend a hundred thousand dollars for a little racing yacht and think nothing of it, the expense of Columbus's whole fleet seems entirely insignificant. The sum of $3,000 covered the whole outlay necessary to secure and equip the three vessels, while the Great Admiral's salary was $300 per annum. The two other commanders were paid $200 each, and the wages of the crew were $2.50 a month. Of course, money in those days was worth a great deal more than now, and there were not very many places in America at that time where the sailors cared to ask for "shore leave," so that their wages were a clear saving.

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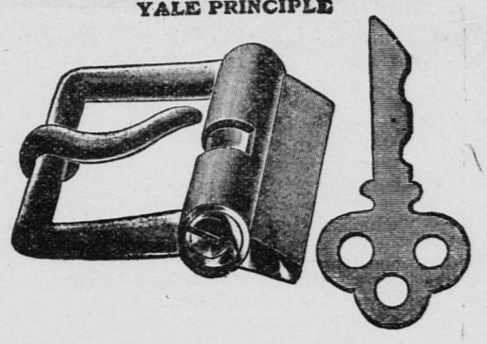
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TEDDY'S CHRISTMAS

By William Reginald Mackrill.

Clang - clang - clang - a-lang-a-lang-a-lang! Down the broad, brilliantly lighted avenue swept a heavy fire truck, its five dappled horses united in a mad gallop. Ten-year-old Teddy O'Neill, Western Union messenger boy, cut suddenly into the avenue from a side street and circled on his wheel like an eagle. His eyes followed the truck with longing. It was a struggle 'twixt duty and pleasure. Then an engine dashed into sight. It was drawn by three magnificent blacks, and in the darkness it gleamed like a demon, spitting fire and smoke. Teddy gave a howl of enthusiasm and followed in its wake.

For block after block he trailed the wheel of the engine, bending low over his handle bars. Something of the spirit of the fire-fighters of old was in his blood, and though his little heart was pounding with sudden stress he held the pace, his short legs dancing mechanically with the pedals.

At the cross street a trolley car blocked the way. A collision seemed inevitable. The driver rose in his seat, jammed the brake down, and drew with all his strength on the lines. The blacks came down on their haunches and with stiffened forelegs slid on the smooth pavement. Just in time the heavy engine came to a stop.

But Teddy, pedaling as though for a record, with his eyes to the ground, knew not of the obstruction.

Suddenly the shining engine loomed before him. He threw up his arms and with a little cry dashed into the heavy steel-shod wheels.

A crowd gathered quickly. Gentle hands bore the limp and mangled body to a nearby hospital.

When Teddy awoke he lay in a white iron bed, in a long room, with many other beds on each side of him. He tried hard to remember. What did it all mean? And what made the pain in his head, his chest, his legs? He gave a little groan.

A woman came to the bed and leaned over him. Years afterward he said gently. "As you say," he needs something beyond drugs."

So they separated, and the doctor went to his room to study. But his mind was not content with books. It dwelt upon Amy, as she appeared but a short time before. It occurred to him that he had thought of her many times in the past few weeks. But then it was purely professional—their common interest in the medical aspect of their work. She was a very competent nurse and very attractive. Her eyes and her mouth and that little wisp of hair that always curled over her ear stood before him. But pshaw, it meant nothing. Thus he tried to trick his conscience, deceiving himself and saying it was not so, when, in some deeper sub-consciousness he knew that it was so and really could not be otherwise, and that he was hopelessly in the toils. This is love's alchemy.

In the dimly lighted ward Amy was at Teddy's bedside. The boy was wakeful and restless. He wanted company. Though her duty was over she stayed with him, talking in a whisper.

Bit by bit she drew from him the story of his brief, hard life. He had no memory of father or mother. He had lived with an aunt, who beat him; so he ran away and finally graduated from newsboy to telegraph messenger. He was a doubter. Even Santa Claus, that patron saint of the children, was to him a myth—"only for rich folks' kids," he said.

But when she told him how Santa Claus would come to all children, rich and poor, if he only knew where they lived, his eyes grew big with interest.

"Teddy," she said, "if Santa Claus will come here on Christmas day and bring you lots of presents and a Christmas tree will you try to get well?"

Teddy thought hard. "Guess that might be worth gettin' well for," he said with a sigh. "But he won't come. I hung up my stockin' onct, an' they wasn't nothin' in it." It must have been a bitter disappointment, for the light faded from his eyes and the old look of despair crept into his face.

"Yes he will, Teddy. I'll send him word. I know he'll come Teddy, if you'll only get well. You know the doctor and I are trying so hard to make you strong, but you must help. Medicine won't do it all. You must think about getting better, and try to eat and laugh and be happy. And the first thing you know all the pain will go away and you will be just as well as I am."

It was a large idea, and his little mind could not take it in easily.

"How can you tell him where I am?" He was suspicious.

"Why, I'll send him a letter."

"Couldn't you send him a telegram? It'd get there lots quicker. An' tell him to answer paid." He was on familiar ground now.

She thought it over a little before she replied. "All right, Teddy, I'll send him a telegram. And if he says he'll come will you try real hard, dearie?" Tears of hope stood in her eyes.

"Yes," he said finally. "If he says he'll bring me a tree with lots of red an' blue an' green an' yellow things on it, an' some candy, an'—an'—a locomotive ingyne what'll run all by itself."

She drew the covers around his neck and tucked him in snugly. "I'll tell him, dearie," she said. "And I just know he'll bring the 'ingyne'. Now go to sleep and you'll wake up in the morning lots better." She stroked the little head gently. Slowly his eyes closed and he slept.

Amy went to her room. At her desk she wrote a note to the manager of the telegraph company, and taking it to the front door dropped it in the letter box with a little prayer.

Teddy's first words the next morning were full of anticipation. "Got that wire yet?" Amy smiled reassuringly. "Oh, it's too early. Wait till this afternoon."

He ate his breakfast with relish, and there was a new note in his voice when the doctor came in. But it was a part of their plan that the doctor should not know, and though Teddy was on the peak of expectancy he kept the secret.

At three o'clock a messenger brought Amy a yellow envelope, and she took it straight to Teddy's bed. He reached for it eagerly, tore it open, and with shining eyes read the message:

Will stop by some time Christmas morning. Too busy to see you, but will leave a few reminders. Hang up stocking. Santa Claus.

He looked up into her face with an expression of rapture. "That's straight goods," he said. "It's the real thing even to the press copy." Then his thoughts took a long jump. "How long before Christmas?" he asked.

During the next three weeks Amy was very busy. She had to calculate closely for the money. Her salary was small, and there was her widowed mother to care for. But her anxiety was unnecessary. One day a note came from the manager of the telegraph company. The boys in the office had taken us a little collection for Teddy's Christmas, he said, and it was his pleasure to send her the cash—ten dollars and eighty-seven cents. What a God-send! Teddy should have a royal Christmas—even to the "ingyne" that would go by itself.

There was now no doubt that Teddy was improving. Day by day the thin face filled out. His color returned. He was eating regularly, sleeping soundly, and the spells of coughing were less frequent. The doctor spoke of the change, but Amy was uncommunicative.

"Some new influence is at work," he said to her one day. It was just a week before Christmas. "The gain is most remarkable. Tell me, Miss Norton, what wonderful elixir have you given him? I may need it myself before long. I, too, have a malady that defies drugs."

She looked at him in sudden fear—then flushed before his strong, tender gaze. "I cannot tell you now." Her eyes were turned away. Her face was bright with pleasure.

"But can't I know soon?" he asked, with an almost boyish pleading in his voice. "Name a day when I may ask and be answered."

She turned to him with a new light in her eyes. Something told her that his interest was not in Teddy alone. "Ask me Christmas morning," she whispered, "and I will tell you; not a day before." And try as he might he could get no more from her.

Christmas eve arrived, with wind and snow and bitter cold. Teddy feared the weather would keep Santa Claus away. But Amy reassured him. "Oh, Santa Claus likes the snow. He rides in a big sleigh with a long team of reindeers. He's sure to get here some time in the night. We'll hang up your stocking right here on the bedpost. And then you must go to sleep early."

At eight o'clock she went off duty. Teddy didn't get to sleep as directed, for excitement, but finally he fell into a deep slumber. His telegram in his hand, and his long black stocking hung in plain sight on the bedpost. All over the city, fathers and mothers were commencing their work of love, and Amy, tired though she was, began her own.

In a private room stood the tree. The floor was strewn with packages. She had no assistance, but she worked on, with strings of popcorn and cranberries, fancy bags of candy, brilliant glass balls, and showers of tinsel. Near midnight four strong men came from the lower ward, and Teddy's little iron bed, with Teddy sound asleep, was carried gently into the private room. Then she slipped away to her rest.

It seemed to Amy that but a few minutes had elapsed when she was awakened by the alarm clock on her bureau. She arose, made a light, and bathed her face again and again in the cold water until she felt able to keep her eyes open. It was five o'clock—still dark.

She entered Teddy's room and turned on the electric light. He was sleeping quietly. There was a step in the hall and the door opened. It was the doctor—his face a study. She held up a warning finger, then turned to the bed and reaching down took the boy in her arms and kissed him. "Teddy," she cried, a little sob in her voice. "Teddy, Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Teddy."

Teddy woke suddenly and sat bolt upright. He gave a shout of joy. "Oh-h-h," he cried, in a long, echoing gasp. "Oh, Jimminy Whillikins, ain't that great." Then words failed him, and he could only look and look, his eyes feasting on wonders that his tongue could not describe.

They put a warm bathrobe around him and placed him on the floor, for he was not yet able to walk. By his side Amy laid the stocking, now bulging with treasures. In front of him stood the "ingyne" and many other things dear to boyish hearts. He handled them one after another in silent awe. Then he took the stocking and with delicious deliberation poured from it a wealth of treasures. He was dazed by his sudden accumulation of riches. He looked up at them with a smile. "That's a bully Santa Claus," he said. "He done his part nobly. I'm goin' to get well all right."

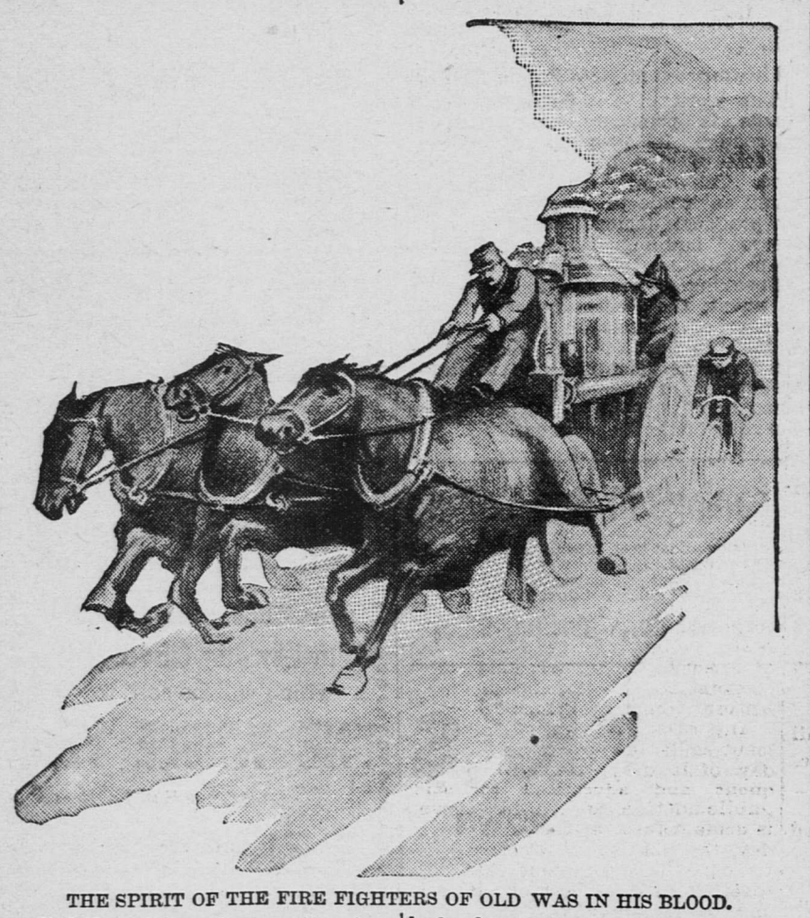
After a while they put him back to bed, with his gifts spread around him, and together left the room. The dawn was breaking. The busy world was waking. From without came the tooting of horns. Bells were ringing all over the great city. It was Christmas morning.

The doctor went with her to her door. Even in the dim light of the hall he could see the drawn lines about her mouth and eyes, her tremulous lips. "You must go back to bed," he said anxiously. "I will see that you are not disturbed until noon. You are tired out."

She did not try to speak, fearing that she would cry instead.

"You have won a great victory over death," he said. "The injuries are nothing now; he will recover. It is the desire to live that you have implanted in him—that is the triumph." Then, on sudden impulse, he put his arms about her. "Oh, Amy, Amy," he said brokenly. "You have saved his life; will you not save mine, dear? Will you say yes? I cannot live without you."

Then he was gone, and on her trembling lips his kiss burned like sweet fire. Half fainting, her heart going like a trip-hammer, she closed the door and sank upon the bed. Gradually peace came to her, and slumber. In her dreams she heard him calling: "Amy, Amy, I cannot live without you." And suddenly she awoke, in the broad sunlight, smiling, and whispering to herself: "Herbert, Herbert, yes, with all my soul."



THE SPIRIT OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS OF OLD WAS IN HIS BLOOD.

recalled that vision—the sweet, serious face, the white uniform, the pretty cap resting on waves of brown hair. She smothed his hot brow and gave him cool water. Then delirium seized him, and for weeks he hovered between life and death, while Amy Norton, the head nurse, watched him as though he were her very own.

In those endless days and nights of physical anguish, when he could comprehend only two conditions—pain and the absence of pain—Amy seemed to him a brooding Spirit of Deliverance. Always there, when he needed her, divining the cause of his discomfort and quick with measures of relief, she became in the highest sense a mother to this motherless waif.

So the days passed, and gradually Teddy responded to the care of nurse and doctor and awoke to consciousness of things about him. His twisted arm was almost restored to use; his crushed leg, though in a heavy plaster cast, was mending rapidly; but he complained of pain in his chest, where the engine wheels had broken the ribs. It hurt him to breathe, he said. Now and then a spell of coughing shook his little frame and left him panting for breath. Then, recovering, he would watch Amy at her work, his eyes following her up and down the room. He was disinclined to eat, and daily his face became whiter and thinner, and his eyes bigger and blacker.

It was Dr. Stone's custom to meet Amy in the operating room several times a week for consultation. One evening they talked of Teddy. The doctor shook his head gravely. He was a handsome, young man, with close-cut, dark beard. In their common purpose—the rescue of this dying orphan child—their hearts beat together. "Can you not stimulate him somehow?" he asked. "He is very low. Any little complication—a fever, even a cold—might end it all. He is too passive. He does not care. He seems to be merely awaiting the end. We cannot get results under such conditions. It is not now a case for medicine. There is nothing in all the pharmacopoeia that I can think of to awaken him."

For some minutes they sat in silence. All the mother love in Amy's heart was stirred. Poor little waif—no parents, no home, and Christmas close at hand. A great light dawned within her. Christmas—the day of days for children all over the world! She turned her deep, thoughtful eyes upon the doctor. "Let me take the case," she

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Has Figured in Famous Cases.

If one were given a thousand chances to name Miss Russell's profession, that of detective would never figure on the list. One might take her for a singer, probably for an actress, maybe for a newspaper woman, but never class her as a clever sleuth who has figured in some of the most famous cases in this country and Europe.

During the Paris Exposition Miss Russell worked on several forgery cases which had their locale in Paris. In order to gain knowledge to be used as evidence in these cases Miss Russell, who is a talented musician and plays the harp skillfully, dressed as a street musician, again as a newsboy and still again as a hotel waitress.

One of the most celebrated divorce cases this country has ever known was brought to a climax through evidence secured by Miss Russell. The husband was the offender and went to Mexico. Miss Russell followed him there, hired herself as a maid and traveled with the people all over Europe. She was gone eight months and when the case finally came to trial and the man found that he had been paying the expenses of a detective for nearly a year he attempted to kill Miss Russell. Her ready use of a small pistol which she always carried saved her life. Miss Russell admits that for once her heart was in her mouth, although the fright was only momentary.

Disguised as a Newsboy.

In New York Miss Russell has sold dozens of newspapers among the crowd of "newsies" about Wall street.

She acknowledges that in nearly all the divorce cases which fall to her share her sympathy is with the wife. Recently she had such a case to follow up and having located her people in the outskirts of a certain large city Miss Russell visited the house nearly every day, but always in a different disguise. First she went as a man, wearing a little light mustache; again she went as a little old German woman selling herbs. Her accent was so broken that she could hardly be understood and she put up such a story of hard luck that she was invited to come again, which of course, she did.

The lady has a particularly charming personality. Her voice is soft and cultivated, but can be made to change almost instantly. She is handsome and has a most striking individuality. She speaks a half dozen languages fluently, is a gifted musician, and has a keen sense of a clue which would do honor to the best men detectives in the business.

On one occasion when she was on the scent of a forger in New York, she was obliged to follow him from the house in which they were both stopping to a railroad station. He took the train for Philadelphia, and although Miss Russell had not time to put on her hat and coat she, too, jumped on the train. Her badge carried her, but when she got to Philadelphia she gave the tip to a depot detective to watch the man while she hurried into the ladies' waiting room and paid the maid two dollars for the latter's hat. Miss Russell declares it was not the most modish hat she ever known, but it covered her head and gave her an opportunity to continue "shadowing" her man, whom she finally ran to cover, and made her case.

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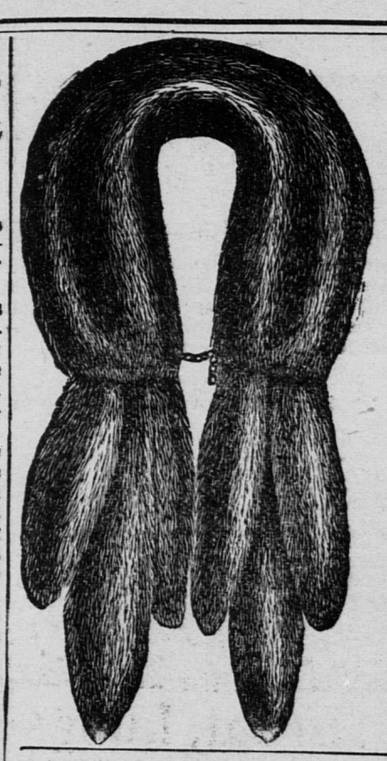
My hand is lonely for your clasping, dear,
My ear is tired, waiting for your call;
I want your strength to help, your smile to cheer;
Heart, soul and senses, need you, one and all.
I droop without your full, frank sympathy.
We ought to be together, you and I.

We want each other so to comprehend
The dream, the hope, thing planned or seen or wrought,
Companion, comforter, and guide and friend,
As much as love asks love, does thought need thought;
Life is so short, so fast the love hours fly,
We ought to be together, you and I.

Cut It Out.

The late Senator Hoar was informed that a very dear friend was seriously ill with appendicitis.

He had hardly finished his note of sympathy when he was informed that it was an attack of acute indigestion instead, and so he sent the following: "Dear A—I am sorry to hear that you are ill, but rejoiced to learn that the trouble is with the table of contents rather than with the appendix."



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Secretary Wilson's report to the President on the present condition of the American farmer and of the work of his Department is the most remarkable statement of a great people's prosperity which has probably ever been issued since time began. The Secretary says that it is a most grateful task to present to his Chief and thus to the American people a pen picture of the American farmer as he is today, to make clear the pre-eminent position of the farming industry, its wonderful productiveness, and its large contributions to the general prosperity of the country.



SECRETARY WILSON, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

His report also points out some of the more important work by which his Department seeks to benefit the farmer.



DR. WILEY,
Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry.

The same is two-fold. It seeks to add to the knowledge of the man and to increase the productive capacity of the acre. Mr. Wilson does not, however, lay back upon his oars and intimate that everything is being done that is necessary, for, great as has been the work undertaken and accomplished, and gratifying as has been the results as shown in the first few pages of this report, be it remembered, remarks the Secretary, that we are still at the threshold of agricultural development and that the educational work which has led to such grand results has only been extended as yet to a portion of our agricultural population.

Unprecedented Prosperity of Farmer

A year of unequaled prosperity has been added to the most remarkable series of similar years that has come to the farmers of this country. Farm crops have never before been harvested at such a high general level of production and value. Corn has reached its highest production, over 2,700,000,000 bushels, of a total estimated value of $1,216,000,000. Hay comes second, with a value of $605,000,000. Cotton is expected to yield $575,000,000. The short wheat crop of last year is followed by one of 684,000,000 bushels and its value, $525,000.000, overtops the highest value ever before reached. While only one crop, corn, reached its highest production this year, four crops—corn, hay, wheat, and rice—reached their highest value.

Value of the Dairy Cow.

No crop but corn produces the income that the dairy cow does. The estimate of the value of dairy products for 1905 reaches $665,000,000. The farmer's hen competes for precedence with wheat, poultry products aggregating half a billion dollars in value.

Value of Farm Animals.

The value of horses and mules on farms exceeded last winter $1,452,000,000. Milch cows are advancing in numbers and are worth $482,000,000. The value of all other cattle is estimated at $662,000,000.

Great Amount of Exports.

During the last fiscal year, exported domestic farm products were valued at $827,000,000. During the last sixteen years the domestic exports of farm products have amounted to $12,000,000,000, or $1,000,000,000 more than enough to buy all the railroads of the country at their commercial value, and this with the mere surplus for which there was no demand at home.



DR. MELVIN,
Chief of the Bureau Animal Industry.

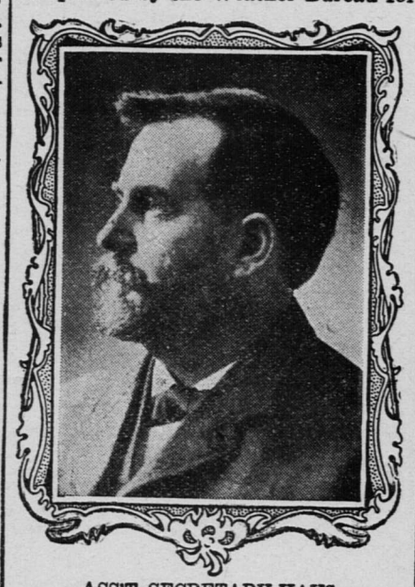
Farmers as Bankers.

One of the most notable outgrowths of savings by farmers is the great multiplication of small National banks in recent years. As many as 1,754 banks, each with a capital of less than $50,000, were organized from March, 1900, to October, 1905. These were distributed mostly throughout the South and the North Central States, in rural regions. In the South 633 of these banks were organized, and in the North Central States 792. For the first time in the financial history of the South, deposits in the banks of that region now exceed $1,000,000,000. These remarkable increases in bank deposits in agricultural States and the increase in the number of small country banks are directly and indirectly because of the profits that have come to the farmers.

DR. MOORE, CHIEF OF THE WEATHER BUREAU.

Weather Bureau Work.

The report presents the work accomplished by the Weather Bureau for the benefit of the farmers, mariners, and manufacturers, and points out that with all the development of this work the average per annum increase in the cost of the service for the past ten years is but 4.41 per cent.



ASS'T. SECRETARY HAYS.

Suppression of Diseases of Animals.

Of the Bureau of Animal Industry the Secretary says that the work of fighting contagious diseases of animals has been unremittingly carried on. The report refers in detail to the principal diseases which have been made the subject of study, and concludes that in every case the efforts of the Bureau have been attended with a more satisfactory control or complete eradication. He commends highly the skill and energy which characterized the suppression of foot-and-mouth disease in the New England States in 1902 and 1903.

Plant Diseases and Plant Breeding.

The Bureau of Plant Industry is organized into eleven offices and employs over 500 persons, about 60 per cent. of whom are engaged in distinctly scientific work.

In its systematic work in securing new plants and seeds from foreign countries the Bureau of Plant Industry has been highly successful. Success has also attended its work in cotton breeding, undertaken with the view to obtaining new sorts combining improved length of staple with productiveness. The Secretary records the production of a new citrus fruit, the citrange, several varieties of which—the Rusk, the Willets, the Morton—have been developed. Another interesting product is the new tangelo, a hybrid of the pomelo or grape fruit, and the tangerine orange.

Very considerable importance is recorded in the manner of seed distribution. A special feature has been the encouragement of school-garden work thereby.

Growth of the Forest Service.

An important achievement in Forestry during the past few years has been to enlist the sympathy and cooperation of lumbermen and forest owners, and the Secretary urges that the work of education continue until public opinion will not tolerate heedless waste or injudicious loss. In the saving of waste the Service has added vastly more to the National wealth than its total expenditures during its entire history. The control of the forest reserves, embracing property worth in cash at least $250,000,000, has been transferred to the Forest Service. The Service continues to afford important aid to private forest owners.

Chemical Investigations.

The Bureau of Chemistry has conducted important investigations relating to our cereal products and prepared meats. The latter included a systematic examination of canned goods. Its practical experiments have developed the fact that, without exception, the addition of the ordinary preservatives to foods is prejudicial to health. The Secretary argues the need of protecting the public from these evil effects by legislation.

Soil Surveys and Soil Studies.

In spite of the activity of the Bureau of Soils, there are on file at the present time requests for mapping 215 counties in 40 States and territories. The surveys already made aggregate 63,000,000 acres in 44 States and territories. The soils adapted to special crops such as the grape, the apple, citrus fruits, the sugar beet, alfalfa, rice, corn, cotton, etc., have all been made subjects of special study based on the field surveys. The investigations of the Bureau into the question of soil fertility and manurial requirements have attracted general attention and much comment.



PROF. GALLOWAY,
Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry.



MR. PINCHOT, CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF FORESTRY.

The Cotton Boll Weevil.

In the work of the Bureau of Entomology considerable space is devoted to the Mexican cotton boll weevil. The subject of dissemination of the weevil through cotton gins has been very carefully investigated, and



PROF. WHITNEY,
Chief of the Bureau of Soils.



DR. HOWARD,
Chief of the Bureau of Entomology.

DR. MERRIAM,
Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey.

important results have been obtained, resulting in recommendations to the ginners calculated to greatly reduce this danger.

Beneficial Insects Introduced.

Work has been done by the Bureau of Entomology in the introduction of the fig fertilizing insect of South Europe, the introduction of a parasite of the black scale so injurious to citrus and olive crops in California from South Africa, and the introduction with success in the Southern States of a parasite of the San Jose scale from China.

Life Zones and Crop Zones.

The work of the Bureau of Biological Survey includes the determination of the boundaries of the natural life zones of the United States and the corresponding crop zones. The chief purpose is to ascertain the boundaries of natural life zones with a view to aiding the farmer in selecting crops best adapted to his locality and in avoiding crops unsuited to it.

Studies of Birds.

One section of the Biological Survey is engaged in the study of birds and their various relations to man, especially to determine whether birds damage crops, whether they protect insects either injurious or beneficial, and to what extent they feed upon weed seeds. Thousands of birds' stomachs are examined in gathering facts on this subject.

Publications of the Department.

In the Division of Publications more than twelve million copies of publications have been distributed by the Department during the past year, nearly 45 per cent. of which were distributed through the Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Need of Government Crop Reports.

Referring to the work of the Bureau of Statistics, the Secretary says that the development of organizations to fix prices, and in some cases to force temporary changes giving unnatural advantages to price manipulators, has led to the need of a strong and impartial agency to make comprehensive reports of actual facts relating to prospective crops and yields, that all concerned may know how to buy and sell.

The Improvement of Public Roads.

The work of the Office of Public Roads is primarily educational in character. Its province is to detail experts to give information and advice. In many communities it is found advisable to supplement advice by practical demonstration of effective road building. These roads have been built in thirty-eight States.

Speaking of the growth of the Department, the Secretary reports the number of persons on the rolls July 1, 1905, to be 5,446. Of these, 2,326 are rated as scientists and scientific assistants. This shows an increase since July 1, 1897, of 3,003 persons on the rolls of the Department.

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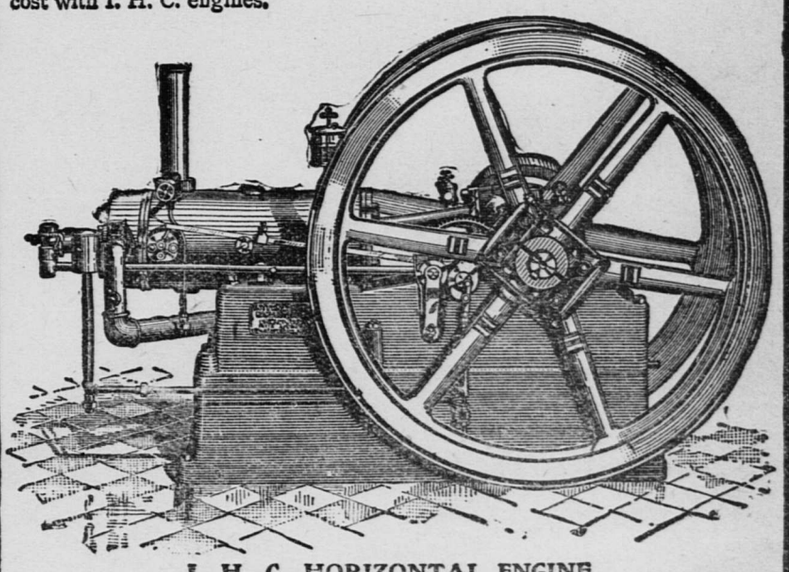
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SAILORS EAT SOAP.

TRICK OF UNCLE SAM'S JACKIES TO GET ASHORE.

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"Whenever you hear of a high percentage of sickness among the sailors of the American navy," said Jack Montgomery, with a cheerful grin, according to the New York Sun, "don't get excited about it. Not unless there's a bunch of deaths resulting. These epidemics among the Jackies come pretty regular, but they don't yield a very heavy percentage of dead or disabled.

"I had plenty of shore leave every trip I ever was on and most of the time in navy yards, and there was a lot of others just as lucky. Awful percentage of illness on the ships those days, and probably is to-day, for one bunch of jackies will always teach their deviltries to the next crowd.

"That's why I say, never let yourself worry about the men of Uncle Sam's navy, and never let yourself imagine that the hard work or the rations is likely to kill off any of 'em, not even if you hear that two-thirds of the North Atlantic squadron are helpless in their bunks and that 80 per cent. of the European squadron ain't expected to live.

"You've heard how convicts eat soap to make them look sick, act sick, and really be sick, when they want a layoff from hard labor? Well, I believe some ex-convict must have told some sailor the secret, and, of course, the information spread.

"Anyhow, soap eating has become almost a craze on naval ships these days, and I'll bet a little something that half the men in the sick bay go there from eating soap. It's the most popular method of getting shore leave that anybody has ever introduced, and there's been a lot of games tried, at that.

"On board my ship the habit spread like wildfire. It's the easiest thing in the world—just chew up a bar of soap—no, no, not all at one time—and you'll be the sickest man that ever walked. You'll have staring eyes, and a coated tongue, and agony in the stomach, and all kinds of frightful symptoms.

"The best thing about it is that the symptoms vary with different men. They'll all be sick, but their illnesses won't be enough alike to make the doctor too knowing.

"Well, after you get properly and thoroughly ill you are hustled to the sick bay. It will be only a couple of days before you will be able to move around, but you will be so weak, so pale, and so generally woebegone that the doctor will always prescribe shore leave, anywhere from two to six weeks, and it's away for land, with the health returning in large, rapid jumps with every stroke the oar takes on the way to solid ground.

"Now, as you may suppose, the trick of eating soap isn't one to appeal to an epicure. In fact, there's nothing in the world that tastes much ranker than a cake of soap, and the more you eat the worse it tastes.

"You can get accustomed to olives, and get so they taste good, but I never yet saw anybody who had acquired a genuine fondness for real honest soap, no matter whether that soap was red, white, green or mottled, or pink and perfumed. Consequently the boys are driven to all kinds of schemes to worry the stuff down without being sick too soon.

"I've seen them cut the soap in thin slices, put it between slices of bread and chew it down that way, with eyes rolling and chests heaving as the lovely old taste hit home. I've seen the lads put ketchup and mustard all over the soap, and get it down under this kind of a disguise. Sometimes they chop it into little cubes and drink it, two or three cubes in a glass of water—get it down fast before it can dissolve. Oh, fine, fine for the palate and great for the digestion!

"And that's why you needn't fear for the health of the American navy whenever you hear of a mysterious epidemic. Any time there's an epidemic the doctors can't quite comprehend, take it from me that Uncle Sam's men behind the guns have devoured all the soap in the toilet locker and that the shore leave colony is going to be largely increased within the next few days."

Origin of the Honeymoon.

The honeymoon used to last a month. The accepted notion is that it must be spent away from home, in order that the happy pair may get thoroughly acquainted without being victims of the curiosity of relatives and friends. It is so called from the habit of the ancient Germans of drinking "hydromel," which is a mixture of honey and water, for 30 days after marriage. Hydromel fermented contains enough alcohol to make a man intoxicated in short order, so that the honeymoon really was a royal old drunk. Attila, the Hun, indulged so freely at his wedding that he died.—N. Y. Press.

The Science of Smiles.

To the woman who wishes to make her path through life an easy and agreeable one, the science of smiling is a most necessary study, says the Pittsburg Press. It is a thing in which only practice can make one perfect. A little theory may go a long way, but it is enough to remember these two rules: First, the honey of a smile catches more hearts than the vinegar of a frown, or the pepper of a sneer; second, it is not the mechanical beauty, but the significance of the smile that makes it attractive.

Something Awful.

"I suspect," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that our new minister is a transcendentalist." "Oh," replied her hostess, as she carelessly tossed her rope of pearls over the back of a chair, "do you think so? My! I'd hate to be one of them. I should think they'd fall downstairs or something gettin' up and prowlin' around that way in their sleep."—Chicago Record Herald.

THE ILL-FATED DONNER PARTY.

Tragic Chapter in the Early History of Califnrnia.

(By Prof. Rockwell D. Hunt.)

On an April morning of the eventful year 1846 a little band of thirty-one emigrants set out hopefully from Springfield, Illinois, for far-off California. The party, made up mostly of three families, had been originated by James F. Reed, but it received its name from two brothers, George and Jacob Donner, and their families, who had decided to join Reed.

To the train of ten or twelve wagons were united other emigrants along the route until, on reaching the valley of the Platte, it numbered a caravan of many times that number. Filled with eager expectations and free from thought of peril, the younger members found themselves for many days enjoying a novel pleasure trip as delightful as it was novel. The sky was bright, the spring air balmy, and big game abounded everywhere. By early July Fort Laramie was reached, and there Independence Day was celebrated in true patriotic style. But the parting of the ways was soon reached. Should the eager emigrants continue on the old Fort Hall road or should they take the "Hasting's Cut-Off" along the southern shore of the Great Salt Lake? The majority wisely proceed on the old road, and in due time reached California in safety. Had not the other members of the party, eighty-seven persons in all, decided, on evil counsel, to save time and three hundred miles of distance by the short cut, the "ill-fated Donner party" would never have been a fact in our history, for thegreat "disaster" would never have befallen.

The Haskings Cut-Off was in reality not a road at all; indeed there was not so much as a trail. The frightful canyon was almost absolutely impassable, and when at last the shore of the great lake had been reached it was found that an entire month had been consumed instead of a single week, and that the jaded cattle were quite unfit to cross the wide strtching desert beyond. This, we are told, "was a dreary, desolate, alkali waste; not a living thing could be seen; it seemed s though the hand of death had been laid upon the country." Any attempt to describe the perils and privations of the desert would fail to convey an adequate impression to one who has never actually experienced them.

In spite of the rigid economy practiced by the party an inventory of the provisions on hand showed unmistakably that the supply was insufficient to last through to California. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, C. T. Stanton and William McClutcheon bravely volunteered to hasten on in advance to Sutter's Fort for additional supplies for the belated travelers.

Guides Quarrel.

A most unfortunate quarrel between James Reed and John Snyder ended in the killing of Snyder and the consequent banishment of Reed from the company. Thereafter Reed pursued his solitary way in advance, but he was careful very frequently to leave some sign or communication for his distressed family in the party following on behind.

Days and weeks dragged wearily by; progress was painfully slow; and the party once so buoyant and hopeful seemed now bereft of all spirit and almost of life itself. The snowy summit of the Sierras presented a forbidding aspect and gave warning of approaching winter.

Fresh hope lightened every heart on the 19th day of October, for, while winding along the crystal waters of the Truckee river, the downcast party was met by brave Stanton leading seven mules packed with provisions. McClutcheon had not been able to return on account of illness, but Stanton brought the welcome news that Reed was alive and far on toward Sutter's Fort.

Death Faces the Party.

Alas! hope suddenly gave place to new fear, and fear turned speedily to consternation and despair, for grim-visaged winter made an unwelcome appearance a month earlier than usual. The wagons could in nowise be dragged through the snow—that was most certain. They were therefore reluctantly abandoned. Provisions were packed on the oxen, and the party passed on in a state of desperation. Only three more miles to the summit—but then mean while came the snow! Silent and beautiful it fell at first, but remorseless as the touch of time; and early morning saw the chill mantle of death everywhere spread over hill and vale. Every avenue of escape was now closed; the long and cruel winter must be braved amidst the inhospitable snows of the high Sierras, or they must, men, women, and children, be rapped in their snowy winding sheets.

"The misery endured those four months at Donner Lake in our little dark cabin under the snow," wrote Mrs Virginia Reed Murphy, one of the survivors, "would fill pages and make the coldest hearts ache." Let imagination picture as best it can the horrors endured, the misery experienced, for we must gently draw the vail over the harrowing detail and grewsome scenes of that camp of the dying and living death. The wild beasts howled; the storm king furiously raged; then the moaning pines sympathetically lulled to grateful sleep. Short allowances of food were followed by actual starvation.

Help was coming—though alas, for many it came all too late. Captain Sutter, generous in truth to a fault, on learning that families of emigrants were perishing on the shores of the mountain lake, set to work assiduously to send immediate relief. The first relief party, headed by Captain R. P. Tucker, reached the famishing camp on February 19, 1847; and on the 22d a party of twenty-three persons started for Sutter's Fort. Soon the second relief party came, headed by Reed, and battled bravely to release another band of snowbound victims from "Starved Camp." In all four relief parties pressed onward to Donner Lake in the noble work or rescuing the unfortunates.

But many were never rescured except by the release of death. Out of the 83 persons who were snowed in at Donner Lake, 42 perished, and of the 31 emmigrants who left Springfield, Ill., that spring morning only 18 lived to reach California. Most of the survivors were taken to Sutter's Fort, the common Americans, and there the kindly captain did all in his power to alleviate their sufferings. Some of these have lived to ripe old age and are today useful citizens of California, contributing worthily to the development of the commonwealth.

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Immense Amount of Money Invested in Pleasure by Devotees—Estimated at Many Millions.

F. P. Aldridge, in an article recently published in Pearson's Magazine, estimated that more than $43,000,000 is invested in yachts, $6,000,000 in club houses and club property and that over $8,000,000 is spent every year for pleasure in yachting. There are now 390 clubs devoted to yachting in the United States. A careful examination of the records of the yachts shows that there are 512 steam yachts, 199 auxiliaries, 205 schooners, 1,422 sloops and cutters, 226 yawls, 146 catboats and 308 launches with gas, electric or naphtha motors, making a total of 3,118 yachts.

No record is kept of sailing craft that are less than 25 feet long on the deck and there is no list of launches that are less than 25 feet long. Of these, it was estimated by a prominent builder recently, there are more than 10,000 in the waters of this country. There are 512 steamers; 129 are built entirely of steel. These steel vessels are worth $17,294,000. All modern boats are built of steel, and the seven that are over 300 feet in length are among the handsomest in the world. The 25 vessels of composite build are worth $969,000 and the wooden boats are worth $7,099,000. This makes a total for the steam yachts owned by American yachtsmen of $25,362,000.

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Diamond Carving.—A Swiss Mine of Wealth.—Moving Pictures in Medical Study.—Automatic Welding.—Electric Insulation by Odor.—New Paper Material.—Moths as Food.—Cloud Bombardment.—An Efficient Blowpipe.—Slag Paving.

Engraving on diamonds has been greatly developed within recent years. Using tools of his own invention, Bordinet, the Paris jeweler, has produced some very artistic work, and has succeeded in polishing concave parts as well as plane surfaces, and in modeling freely. One specimen of his art is a yataghan having a thin diamond for a blade and a ruby for the handle. He has also cut a pansy with leaves on a large diamond, made a knife out of two diamonds, made a beautiful bicycle with two diamonds for wheels, cut one diamond in the shape of a fish, produced an exquisite brooch consisting of a beetle surrounded by sapphires and brilliants, made other brooches in the form of flies with thin engraved diamonds for wings, and cut armorial bearings upon some gems. Most remarkable of all is a ring of diamonds with polished inner surface and outside finely engraved.

The Rhone near Bellegarde disappears for a considerable distance in a subterranean gulf. The engineers propose to change this interesting geological feature by damming the river and turning the water into parallel tunnels, which will lead the stream two miles and a half to two power generating stations. Here a fall of nearly 200 feet will yield 155,000 horse power for 300 days in the year. The cost is placed at $5,000,000, and this use of the power is estimated to be equivalent to working an inexhaustible coal bed supplying 1,600,000 tons a year at 50 or 60 cents per ton.

Biograph records are proving useful in showing the variations in disease as well as for medical teaching. Dr. W. G. Chase reports having biographed 21 separate epileptic seizures and one rare case of eye disease. Thrown upon a screen, the enlarged pictures reproduce the action of the muscles very clearly. The automatic production of wire fencing in continuous rolls is a late development in electric welding. Galvanized wires are fed from reels arranged vertically and parallel to each other, and from another reel placed transversely to these are cut off lengths of wire, which are fed horizontally across the vertical wires. At the points of intersection of the horizontal and vertical wires, welds are made by means of small transformers. The welded section is then moved forward a regulated distance and the operation is repeated.

Modern theories deal with various kinds of corpuscles, but none seem to be more unfamiliar than those of odors, with which we have been always surrounded. So little matter is given off, in odors that the balance cannot detect it, iodoform, for example, losing not more than a thousandth part in a century. A French physicist, A. Baldit, has found that the odor corpuscles affect the leakage of electricity from electrified bodies, and he proposes to use this discovery for studying the character of odors and the part they play in plants. In his experiments, performed in unfavorable weather, a rod of resin and an electroscope were enclosed in a glass jar, when the admission of vanilla ordor sensibly lessened the loss of electricity from the charged rod.

The use of furze in paper-making suggests a new class of materials to take the place of the rapidly disappearing timber supply. On boiling under pressure with caustic soda lye, treating with sulphuric acid, bleaching with chloride of lime, and finally washing, the green plant is converted into a very white and solid pulp, which has proven very suitable for paper-making purposes.

In the mountains of Panay and other islands of the southern Philippines moths can be scraped up by the quart. The natives have learned to prize them as an article of food, and they now collect and eat them in large quantities.

The efficacy of bomb-firing in breaking up hail-storms has been questioned. M. Vidal, the originator of the plan, claims new evidence of its value from a recent severe storm that rapidly swept down from the Bernese Alps through the Rhone valley and over the north end of Lake Leman as far as Lake of Neuchatel. The entire district was badly damaged by the hail except two small villages from which bombs were thrown. It is pointed out that places above 2200 feet in altitude escape damage, and the low elevation of the storm-clouds ensures their breaking up by bombs and rockets, which can be easily made to explode at heights of 1200 to 1500 feet. It is urged that stations for bomb-firing be established along the usual routes of the storms, the great damage done quite justifying the expense.

The oxy-acetylene blowpipe, in recent tests has yielded temperatures as high as 7000 degrees F., while the oxyhydrogen flame gives only 3600 degrees to 4500 degrees. A cubic meter of acetylene was found to develop about 57,000 British thermal units against about 12,000 for a like quantity of hydrogen. In Europe the oxy-acetylene blowpipe is employed on a large scale in welding, and proves very satisfactory and economical for joining tube plates up to half an inch in thickness, and for repairs of tank and boiler plates, bicycle and motor-car frames, and much other work.

Asphaltine, a new paving material that is being tested in England and Germany, gives the appearance of mosaic marble. It is a mixture of tar with iron slag, is comparatively low in cost, and has been found very elastic, tough and durable. It has resisted heavy traffic with no signs of wear.

Solid concrete cylinders, 12 inches long by 4 in diameter, have been submitted by H. Woolson, of Columbia University, to loads of 120,000 to 150,000 pounds. The pieces were much compressed, the diameter being correspondingly increased, but there was no disintegration or powdering.

Nevills Tells of Money Demand.

William A. Nevills, while on the witness stand in Judge Murasky's court yesterday, testified that Abraham Halsey demanded $5000 from him in 1887, when the quarrel between Nevills and the Flemmings, culminating in the suit on trial, began. Nevills said that he considered Halsey's demand unrighteous and did not want to have any further dealings with him.

Halsey was the secretary of the Amador Tunnel Mill and Mining Company and the Hamilton Gold Mining Company. Stock in these companies was purchased by the Flemmings from Nevills and ex-Senator John P. Jones. The suit was brought by Nevills and Jones for $150,000, the balance of the purchase price. The Flemming side asked for the return of the amount paid, over $100,000, alleging that Nevills was guilty of fraud. Halsey was a witness on the Flemming side. His deposition was first taken, and when his testimony was wanted he came a few months ago from his home in Los Angeles county, and court was held in his room at the St. Francis hotel, he being too ill to go to the City Hall. A short time ago the old man died.

Hasley was a member of the board of directors of the companies, holding a few shares of stock, which Nevills put in his name. Nevills thought that Halsey was against him because he did not get the $5000 he wanted. After Nevills declared that he concluded to have nothing more to do with Halsey, Attorney William J. McGee produced letters written by Nevills to Halsey in the three years following 1887, begining "Friend Halsey." It also came out that for twenty years after the alleged demand Nevills allowed Halsey to retain his position as secretary of the companies.

Nevills admitted that he was present when Halsey's deposition was given and when his testimony was taken at the St. Francis.

"Why did you not ask him then about this $5000 episode?" inquired McGee.

"He was sick and I did not want to annoy him." responded Nevills.

"But you would smirch his reputation, now that he is dead," said McGee.

"Well, I am sorry to have to tell it, but you brought it out," Nevills answered.—Call.

Not at All Satisfactory.

She is the little daughter of the minister, and already she has learned that the position has its disadvantages. It is next to not having a mother at all to have one who is always attending church societies or assisting in the parochial calls. Usually she is very brave, but the other day when she wanted her mother very much it seemed more than human nature could bear.

"I don't think it is nice at all to have a mamma whose husband is a minister," she burst out. "She has to go out with him all the time."—N. Y. Times.

The Donkey in Egypt.

The donkey, next to the camel, is the most useful and hardworking animal in Egypt. He is in much request among tourists, and may also be seen creeping home at sunset, so laden with clover, with a full-grown man and a child perched on the top of the load, that nothing is visible but his head and tail.

Not the Real Thing.

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MUNICIPAL LUNCH-ROOMS.

Good Results Noted in Foreign Cities from Furnishing Free Meals for School Children.

In Berlin the giving of free breakfasts has brought the "happiest results," says the Reader. "Children who start from a poverty-stricken home in the morning without a sufficient, and often without any, meal to sustain them, cannot be expected to give their minds to their studies in the same degree as the children whose bodies are well cared for. A considerable falling off was consequently noticed in the attendance of the ill-fed and weaker children—the very ones who could least afford to neglect the studies required to fit them to earn their daily bread in after life—until the system was adopted by the municipal authorities of distributing food free during the so-called breakfast hour to these poor waifs." In Christiania, Norway, the principals of the schools report that "the free board has had a good effect upon the children, as they take more interest in the work and are more wide-awake and lively; their appearance also shows better health and more strength." The report comes from Havre that the free meals there have been found to encourage school attendance as well as to benefit the children physically, mentally and morally. The people of Brussels conceive it to be their duty to have "every school child medically examined once every ten days. Its eyes, teeth, ears and general physical condition are overhauled. If it looks weak and puny they give it a dose of cod-liver oil or some suitable tonic. At midday it gets a square meal . . . and the greatest care is taken to see that no child goes ill-shod, ill-clad or ill-fed."

FIGHT CHINESE PIRATES.

Private Junk Attacks Merchantman and Efforts to Cut Loose Are Without Success.

We had been in the fog but two or three hours when a large junk suddenly loomed up at our port bow. Our captain, who was an old East India and China trader, took one look at her and said: "My God! Here's an infernal Chinese pirate junk! Make all sail quick!"

We did not need that order, relates Pearson's. Almost as soon as I can tell it we had the sails up and drawing, but not quick enough to escape the junk, which bore down under full head, her decks crowded with men, her grappling irons on a long pole, ready to hook into our chains. The Oneco, being built for the China trade, was armed. We carried four guns in each broadside and two swivels on the taffrail, with an ample supply of boarding pikes, muskets, pistols and cutlasses. If the pirate succeeded in boarding us it would mean a hand to hand fight, and what with making sail and getting ready for battle, we had not fired a gun before his grappling irons were in our chains. But at this moment we let go a broadside of our our port guns, which must have disabled the men in charge of the grappling line, for they did not succeed in making it fast around their bits until they had drifted about two hundred feet astern. We attempted to cut this line, but the hook was attached first by a long chain which we could not sever, and the angle was such that we could not hit it with a shot.

UNDER THE SCIENTIFIC BAN

Nothing Safe to Eat and Mrs. Goodwife Is Afraid to Serve Anything.

She had just attended a meeting of the Pure Substenance society, at which the learned Prof. Scarem had talked on food adulteration, relates the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"No, George," she said, "I can't give you any coffee for dinner."

"And why not?"

"Because, dear, it is adulterated with chicory, pea hulls and wheat middlings."

"It is, eh? Who says so?"

"Prof. Scarem. He knows all about it. You should have seen him when he showed us what cream of tartar is really made of. Nothing but plaster and phosphate of lime."

"Well, I don't want any cream of tartar. Haven't you got some kind of jelly on the table?"

"Jelly, George! Oh, I couldn't think of giving you jelly. Of course, you don't know that most of the jellies are made from the refuse of dried apple factories. They consist of starch paste sweetened with glucose, colored with coal tar dye, flavored with chemicals and preserved with salicylic acid."

"You don't say so!"

"It's true, George, every word of it. And most of the flavoring extracts, such as lemon, orange and vanilla, are poisonous, being 90 per cent. wood alcohol. That's what we use for seasoning—a deadly poison like that."

"Well, it's a mercy any of us are alive. Anything else?"

"Oh, yes, dear. The professor gives us another talk to-morrow in which he will inform us how poisonous tea is, and milk, and meats, and bread."

"Well, say, will you tell me just what there is on the menu that is safe to eat?"

"Yes, George. The professor says that fresh vegetables are usually pure. But our grocer seems to be always out of them."

"Never mind, my dear. I won't be home to-morrow night. I'm going to the club to get something to eat."

"Why, George!"

"Yes, my dear. It may argue poor taste on my part, but I'd rather die by slow poison than starve to death."

Trials of the Digestion.

Dr. Brouardel, the chief of the Paris laboratory, writes thus of the trials of the digestion in Paris: "When a man takes milk for his early breakfast preserved with formic aldehyde, when he eats at luncheon a slice of ham kept good by borax, with spinach or French beans made green with sulphate of copper, and when he washes all that down with half a bottle of wine cleared with an excess of plaster of Paris, and that for 20 years, how is it to be expected that such a man can have a stomach?"

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The Echo On Constitional Law.

To start at the foundation: The constitution of California provides that the laws granting licenses to sell liquor shall be for the purpose of regulation. This provision was upheld by the supreme court of the United States. The state has the power to prohibit the sale of liquor altogether in any part thereof. This provision was also upheld by the highest court.

The constitution provides that all licenses to sell liquor must be issued under authority of the state law, as it is a part of the police system of the State, and the power to grant such a license ceases when in conflict with a state law. There are five supreme court decisions upholding this provision.—Echo.

We find the above in an article published in our valley cotemporary last week, taking exception to our article of the week before on the license situation in Ione. We have a right to assume that when an editor undertakes to ventilate any proposition, he has fortified himself with some facts from a source which is authentic and reliable. But the above alleged quotations from the state constitution trips our understanding. Will our cotemporary kindly inform his readers in what article and under what subdivison and sections of the constitution the above provisions may be found. Also where and in what particular case the United States supreme court passed upon the points in issue.

Would it not be well to brush the dust of many moons from his constitution book, and examine its provisions carefully, before committing himself to enlighten the public upon its contents from memory or from street gossip more likely. The confused ideas of one suffering from a first class jag, are not in it with the editor's mix-up of constitutional and statute law and state and federal decisions. The constitution is silent on liquor licenses.

There is a good deal of hollowness about all this continual howl about the liquor business in Ione. The Ledger is no defender of the liquor traffic as such. Its baneful influence upon society is admitted and deplored. We do not agree with those, however, who imagine that if this evil were banished, by the arbitrary methods of prohibition the millenial era would immediately be inaugurated. The vicious propensities of human nature, which are at the bottom of the liquor habit, would still remain in full force and effect, and dammed up in one direction would doubtless find vent in another. The mere removal of temptation is not the ultima thule of reformation. A moral weakling on earth, even through translated to the third heaven, would be a weakling still. The sole fact that the weak spot in his charater were concealed from view by the moral strength surrounding him would not work a radical cure at once. Only by the slow process of education—the taking away the desire to indulge in evil ways—can men be reformed. The reform school of Ione is an example of this. The mere fact that they are kept from the indulgence of bad habits as much as possible is not the final goal aimed at. It is by the process of education extending over a period of years, and placing them in contact with robust characters, that the state hopes to wean them from ways that are bad.

The truth is, notwithstanding all that has been said, the law referred to is unpopular, and its enforcement as urged on legal grounds, that Ione is within the two miles limit of the Preston school, is a subterfuge. What difference does it make to the inmates of the school whether a saloon is one mile or ten miles from the institution. They cannot frequent the saloon to be contaminated in either case, that is if they are under proper discipline, as we presume they are. But the anti-saloon element urge the strict compliance with this law hoping thereby to rid the town of the saloons established. They are in a minority as the election last fall indicated. But why not take the responsibility, and make complaint, and have the courts decide the matter. The local peace officers and justice court have full powers in the premises. Why ask county officers to initiate proceedings. If a vag shows up in Ione there is no appeal to the county seat to prosecute him. He is yanked up without much ado by the township authorities. Why should a different course be demanded in other alleged misdemeanor cases. It is this phase of inconsistency and evident disinclination to assume the responsibility of trying to enforce the two-mile limit law that trips the understanding of the average citizens.

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The town trustees have been holding informal meetings during the past week, no doubt for the purpose of consultation in regard to their official action. These preliminary meetings are private affairs. No harm can come of discussing the situation, and endeavoring to reach an agreement on questions that must of necessity be disposed of at the first regular meeting next Thursday. The one thing to be shunned is party politics. Should the city government fall into the control of party machinery its usefulness will be greatly discounted thereby. It would be a calamity. Politicians have many ways to accomplish their ends. It does not do always to come ont boldly and announce their objects. Oftentimes they put on a non-partisan garb, at the same time having a strictly political partisan advantage in view. It is this species of political working that is most to be feared. In two or three months we shall be in the throes of another city election, and plans are being laid for that event. In a few years, probably, the city offices will not be deemed such desirable positions as they are now. Time will rub off the gilt-edge, which at present glitters the fancy. And then will come the grave danger of the city government becoming a side show to party politics. The people of Jackson will do well to watch this point closely. A party ticket should never be allowed to show its front, and it put in the field, the citizens should unite, regardless of party, and defect it so decisively as to read a wholesome lesson to its backers never to attempt to repeat the experiment.

Wedding Boom Explained.

Nashville, in ElDorado county, just across theCosumnes river, had a boom in the matrimonial line last week. Four couple from that little burg hied away to Amador county to have the nuptial knot tied. Why there should be such a sudden rise in the matrimonial market, and why they should all prefer that the ceremony should be performed by Amador county officials, instead of their home county, was not clear at the time. The following paragraph from the report of the grand jury of El Dorado county, which assembled the fore part of the month explains the situation, and accounts for the preference of the parties for Jackson rather than Placerville.

"The Grand Jury are still in session and yesterday were preparing to investigate the cases of several couples at Nashville who were accused of living together unlawfully. The parties in question are said to have taken time by the forelock and headed off the investigation by getting legally married in Amador county."

The New York Commercial Bulletin says that the Bacon Interstate Commerce Law Convention was "boss ridden," and then goes on to define the situation. "Mr Bacon, after delegates had been appointed to the interstate commerce law convention, sent out a circular letter, as chairman of his own executive committee, defining the eligibility of the delegates. He presented a test, which was nothing more nor less than a requirement that every delegate sign a pledge to "endorse and agree to support the legislation as outlined in the President's last message to congress, to so amend the interstate commerce law that the interstate commerce commission shall be given the power, where a given rate has been challenged, and after full hearing found to be unlawful, to prescribe what shall be a lawful and proper rate to take its place, the ruling of the commission to take effect immediately."

"This was in effect the edict of Mr Bacon as to the qualifications of delegates for his convention, who were thus to be bound to accept his cut and dried platform and give their sanction to his position on the subject in advance of any consideration or discussion. Was anything ever more completely machine-made and boss-dictated than the utterances of this so-called convention of delegates of commercial organizations? Mr Bacon's course has produced division and confusion that will probably make this Chicago convention of no practical effect."

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Christmas at County Hospital.

Christmas at the Amador County hospital was observed with a turkey dinner, Chritsmas tree and entertainment.

The holiday season has been one of cheer and good will to the inmates of the hospital. Nearly all the rooms and halls on the lower floor were beautiiully decorated with evergreens and red berries. In one corner of the large dining room, which was neatly trimmed, was a beautiful cedar Christmas tree, heavily laden with presents for every inmate, and draped with a colored paper chain, made by the little members of the first and second grades of the public school, and presented by them for the occasion. The event of the day was the entertainment provided for by the inmates of the hospital. Superintendent LeMoin made good his reputation of being an untiring worker, and with his corps of star entertainers from various foreign countries, consisting of Mrs Beeding White, a prima donna dancer and opera singer of Italy, Fritzy Hammerhardt of Germany, and Don Signor Gregoria Gomez of Venezuela, made a successful attempt to bring a bright spot into the lives of the suffering inmates as well as many visitors, who assembled for the merry occasion. After the regular program, attorney Chas. Crocker favored them with some very interesting and appropriate remarks, which were greatly appreciated, and followed by the principal event when Gregoria appeared as Santa Claus, and presented all the inmates with presents, none being slighted.

Miss Kate Cavallara acted as Lady Bountiful, by collecting nearly forty dollars from the good people of Jackson, which was wisely spent for useful presents in the shape of shawls, shoes, socks, handkerchiefs and other articles of clothing, besides cigars, bananas, oranges, apples, nuts, candies etc., for which all the inmates, as well as Mr and Mrs LeMoin are very grateful. For the Christmas dinner, turkey and cranberry sauce, mince pie, celery and other articles constituting a holiday meal were served in abundance. Few people realize the good that can be done, and one needs to witness the many unfortunates made happy by such entertainments, to have an idea of the happiness which the wise expenditure of a comparatively small sum of money upon Christmas occasions, and all hope to see many more of them.

AMADOR.

Miss Idel Whitehead is spending the holidays with her parents.

A drama "The Bird's Christmas carol," will be presented by local talent at Torre's hall, January 13th.

The Miners Union gave a ball, which was largely attended on Christmas night

The Christmas exercises given at the church Saturday evening were largely attended.

Mr. J. R. Tregloan has gone to the city to spend several weeks.

Vincenzo Musoroco made himself so disagreeable on Christmas day that he was arrested. His trial took place yesterday with the result that he will spend the next 30 days in the county jail.

E. Lois.

PINE GROVE.

Since my absence, our town seems to be holding her own. Christmas has come and gone, with its pleasures and disappointments, and judging from the look of contentment on the faces of the passers by, Santa Claus has played an active part with us.

The recent rain increased the water supply for awhile. The Mitchell mill had several days' run to the satisfaction of those in charge, but on account of the freezing weather since, the water is again short.

Farmers are busy plowing and getting ready for early sowing of grain.

Mrs A. Jones gave the children of Pine Grove a pleasant time on Christmas eve in the form of a Christmas tree, which pleased the hearts of many.

Mr and Mrs Drake's daughter, Ruth, with her husband, are here on a visit.

Alpha.

Sued the Lightner.

The suit of W. E. Downs against the Lightner Mining Company has been transferred to this county from Amador, where it was entered. The plaintiff claims $1600 for services as surveyor, mining engineer, etc., which claim the company denies and resists. Nicol & Orr are the attorneys for the defendant corporation. W. J. McGee of San Francisco is attorney for Downs.—Stockton Independent.

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Mines Closed.

All the big mines of the mother lode have been compelled to suspend operations, owing to scarcity of water. The water in the ditch has turned to ice, shutting off the liquid supply for the mines. Only enough has been available to keep water down, and supply the towns for domestic purposes. The rains of the last few days have improved the outlook, and all the mines are expected to start up by the first of January. The Kennedy men returned to work last night, working short time until the water scarcity is tided over.

Harvey A. Pense and Miss Maggie Avise were united in wedlock at the home of the bride's parents near Jackson on Christmas day, Rev. C. E. Winning officiating. Miss Woodworth of Sutter Creek was bridesmaid, and W. Avise jr. was best man. The ceremony was witnessed between twenty and thirty relatives and invited friends. The newly married pair the same day departed for their home on the Chester Hunting ranch, which they have leased.

DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

[The following instruments have been filed for record in the recorder's office since our last report. We publish a complete list of documents recorded, and must decline to accede to any request to suppress any document from these columns. Don't ask us to do so.]

Deeds—Eilzabeth H. Jeffries to Thomas Honeychurch, part of lot 22 block 3, Amador City, $10.

Patent—A. Recheniello, 160 acres section 5 and 6-6-12.

Mining Location—G. D. Denend locates Edith quartz mine, in Robinson district.

Satisfaction of Mortgage—Bacon to Stufee.

Abstract of Judgment—Ginocchio vs M. E. Meckling et al—Abstract of judgment for $196 13, secured in justice court for township one.

Certificate of Redemption—Geo J. Matulich, lots 6 and 8 block 5, Drytown, taxes of 1904, $2.88.

Water Right—Geo. C. Bruce, locates 12000 inches Mokelumne river, for electric and irrigation purposes, to be diverted scetion 4, 8 and 7, township 4 range 10.

Proof of Labor—W. H. Sharp, on Jupiter quartz Oleta.

Frank Berg, on Pennaveta quartz, Volcano.

Mrs Maggie Reaves, A and B quartz, Plymouth.

Joe Garabaldi, on California Horseshoe mine, Volcano.

Stephen Ferrari, on Canyon quartz, Jackson district.

C. Feldhusen, quartz mine, Oleta.

C. H. Page, on Red Cloud quartz, Volcano, also Rising Sun quartz, Volcano.

E. Gillick, on Stud Horse quartz, Volcano.

Nettie Courtright, on Courtright quartz, Jackson district.

Newman and Bagley, on placer and clay claim, Ione district.

W. T. Gillick, on Ione Hill quartz, Volcano district.

Mark Glavich on Red Cloud quartz, Plymouth district.

Richard Russell, on Nigger placer, Camp Opra.

C. Bradshaw, on Manzanita mine, Pine Grove.

Frank Uhlinger, on Buckeye placer, Oleta district.

Giovanni Rossi on Kate Gray claim, Volcano.

C. A. Williams, on East Keystone, Amador City.

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Notice of Sale of Real and Personal Property.

In the Superior Court of the county of Amador, State of California.

In the matter of the estate of Mary A. Hall, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the superior court of the county of Amador, state of California, made on the 9th day of December, 1905, in the matter of the estate of Mary A. Hall, deceased, the undersigned, the executor of the last will of said deceased, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in gold coin of the United States, and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, on Saturday, the 6th day of January, 1906, at 12 o'clock M. of said day, at the front door of that certain dwelling-house situated on lot No. 11 in block No. 9 of the town site of Volcano, Amador county, California, in the town of Volcano, in said county, all the right, title. interest and estate of the said Mary A. Hall at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that said estate has by operation of law or otherwise acquired other than or in addition to that of the said Mary A. Hall at the time of her death in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the county of Amador, State of California, and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Lot No. eleven (11) in block No. nine (9) of the town site of Volcano, Amador county, California, together with the improvements thereon;

And also the following, to wit: All the household furniture, cord-wood, and other personal property situated on said lot No 11. in block No. 9 of the town site of Volcano, Amador county, California.

Terms and condition of sale: Cash, in gold coin of the United States, ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid to the auctioneer upon sale, and balance on confirmation of sale by said Superior Court.

Dated, December 15th, 1905.

W. H. STEFFLER,
Executor of the will of said deceased.

JOHN F. DAVIS, Attorney for said Executor.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

HON. R. C. RUST, JUDGE.

Estate of Frank Prouty—January 6th appointed for hearing of petition to set aside the whole of the estate for benefit of widow.

Estate of John H. Campbell—Order issued citing executor to show cause why letters should not be revoked for failure to file inventory and appraisement as required by law. Citation dismissed.

Estate of Frank L. Prouty—Mrs Josephine Prouty appointed administrator upon filing bond of $2400.

Estate of Martin Deragnia—Continued until December 30.

Estate of Geo. C. Jones—Final account approved, and guardian discharged.

Estate of C. W. Trotter—Continued until December 30.

Estate of L. J. Fontenrose—Mrs L. J. Fontenrose appointed administrator on filing bond of $1600.

Richard Webb vs Mary Kennedy—No appearance of defendant. Judgment for plaintiff as prayed for $398 and foreclosure of mortgaged premises.

BORN.

BAN—In Jackson, December 19, 1905, to the wife of John Ban, a daughter.

PASCOE—In Jackson, December 26, 1905, to the wife of W. J. Pascoe, a daughter.

GEBHARDT—In Jackson, December 20, 1905, to the wife of Louis P. Gebhardt a son.

MARRIED.

PHELPS-CLOUGH—In San Francisco December 20, 1905, Joseph W. Phelps jr. of Jackson, to Miss Grace Clough of San Francisco.

PENSE-AVISE—Near Jackson, December 25, 1905, by Rev. C. E. Winning, Harvey A. Pense to Miss Maggie Avise, both of Jackson.

YBRIGHT-BARNEY—In Plymouth, December 25, 1905, by Rev. Eugene E. Ely, Jessie C. Ybright to Harryette A. Barney, both of Plymouth.

DIED.

MATTLEY—In Jackson, December 26, 1905, Milton, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Mattley, aged 7 years and 10 months.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Jackson Gold Mining and Milling Company.—Location of works and principal place of business, Jackson, Amador county, California. Notice is hereby given, that at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 27th day of December, 1905, an assessment of three quarters of one cent per share was levied upon the subscribed capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in lawful money of the United States of America, to the secretary of said corporation, at its office in Jackson, Amador county, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 30th day of January, 1906, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and, unless payment is made before, will be sold on Tuesday, the 21st day of February, 1906, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.
A. GINOCCHIO,
Secretary pro tem.

Office: At Ginocchio's store, Water street Jackson, Amador county, California. f15t5.

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Notice of Foreclosure Sale by Sheriff.

Under and by virtue of an order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, issued out of the superior court of the county of Amador, state of California, on the 27th day of December, 1905, in a certain action entitled Richard Webb, plaintiff, against Mary Kennedy, John Doe and Richard Doe, defendants, wherein the above named plaintiff obtained a judgment and decree of foreclosure and sale against Mary Kennedy, one of defendants therein named, on the 23rd day of December, 1905, for the sum of three hundred dollars, besides interest, counsel fees and costs, amounting to the sum of ninty-eight and 08-100 dollars, which said decree was on the 23rd day of December, 1905, recorded in Judgment Book "4" of said court at page 86:

I am commanded to sell that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the townsite of the town of Ione, in the county of Amador, State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows:—Beginning on the north side of Market street where it intersects Arroyo Seco street, and running thence west along the line of Market street one hundred feet to lot formerly owned by Robt. Reed; thence at right angles northerly along the line of said Reed's lot one hundred feet to lot owned by A. S. Putman; thence at right angles easterly along the line of A. S. Putman's lot one hundred feet to Arroyo Seco street; thence southerly along the line of Arroyo Seco street one hundred feet to place of beginning, same being designated on the official map of the town of Ione as lot No 4. in block No. 30 as surveyed by J. A. Brown, county surveyor, in the year 1888.

Public notice is hereby given that on Saturday the 27th day of January 1906, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day in front of the Court House door of the county of Amador in the city of Jackson, I will, in obedience to said order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, sell the above described property, or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, etc., to the highest and best bidder, for gold coin of the United States of America.

Dated this 27th day of December, 1905.

T. K. NORMAN.
Sheriff of the County of Amador, State of California.

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NOTICE To Taxpayers.

Office of the Tax Collector
County of Amador, State of California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE taxpayers of Amador county, that I, T. K. NORMAN, Tax Collector of Amador county, did on the 10th day of October, 1905, receive from the County Auditor of Amador county the original assessment books for the year 1905, containing a list of the persons assessed for real and personal property, and the amount of State and County taxes due thereon for said year.

That said taxes are now due and payable to me at my office in the Court House, in the town of Jackson, county of Amador, State of California.

That the taxes on all personal property secured by real property, and one half of the taxes on all real property were due and payable on the second Monday in October, 1905, and will be delinquent on the last Monday in November next thereafter, at 6 o'clock p. m., and that unless paid prior thereto, fifteen per cent will be added to the amount thereof, and if said one half be not paid before the last Monday in April next, at 6 o'clock p. m. an additional five per cent will added thereto.

That the remaining one-half of the taxes on all real property will be payable on and after the first Monday in January next, and will be delinquent on the last Monday in April next thereafter, at 6 o'clock p. m., and that unless paid prior thereto, five per cent will be added to the amount thereof.

That all taxes may be paid at the time the first instalment, as herein provided, is due and payable.

First instalment, one half real estate and all personal property, due October 10th, 1905.

First instalment, one half real estate and all personal property, delinquent November 27th, 1905, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Second instalment, one-half real estate, due January 4th, 1906.

Second instalment, one half real estate, delinquent April 30th, 1906, at 6 o'clock p. m.

All the taxes may be paid in full at the time the first installment is due.

Taxes not paid according to law will be delinquent, and 15 per cent and 5 per cent and other costs will be added thereto.

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T. K. NORMAN,
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Timber Land Act June 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
Sacramento, Cal.
November 21, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892. Louis Miller of Volcano, county of Amador, State of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No 1893, for the purchase of the west-half of N E ¼ of Section No 32 in township No 8 N, range No 14 E, M. D. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Richard Webb, U. S. Commissioner, at Jackson, Cal. on Friday, the 23rd day of February, 1906.

He names as witnesses: Robert Triggs of Volcano, P. O., A. Liversedge, of Volcano P. O., Wm. Franklin Gillett, of Sutter Creek, P. O., Albert Oneto, of Sutter, Creek P. O.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23rd day of February 1906.

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Register.

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Ordinance No. One.

An Ordinance providing for the time and place for the meetings of the Board of Trustees of the City of Jackson, in Amador County, State of California.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Jackson, in said Amador County, State of California, do ordain as follows:—

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the city of Jackson, in said county of Amador, shall hold their regular meetings in the hall of records of the county of Amador, in the city of Jackson, on the first Thursday in each month, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. of said day.

Section 2. This Ordinance before taking effect shall be published for one week in the Amador Ledger, a weekly newspaper published in said Amador county, and shall take effect and be in force on and after the 4th day of January, 1906.

Passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of said city of Jackson in said Amador county, this 18th day of December, 1905, by the following vote:—

Ayes: Trustees Garbarini, Kent, Penry, Tam and Brown.

Noes: Trustees none.

V. S. GARBARINI,
Chairman of said Board of Trustees.

Attest: JAS. JAY WRIGHT,
Clerk of said Board of Trustees.

Filed December 18th, 1905.

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This table gives the highest and lowest temperature in Jackson for each day, together with the rainfall, as recorded by self-registering instruments kept at the Ledger office:

Date.	Temp L.	Temp H.	Rain'f	Date.	Temp L.	Temp H.	Rain'f
Dec. 1(05)..	28	63		Dec. 17 (05).	34	71	.50
2.....	29	68		18.....	35	58	
3.....	31	67		19.....	45	52	.15
4.....	31	70		20.....	38	46	.18
5.....	30	72		21.....	30	63	
6.....	31	74		22.....	26	63	
7.....	33	68		23.....	29	65	
8.....	29	78		24.....	25	65	
9.....	27	76		25.....	29	54	
10.....	42	78		26.....	38	48	.12
11.....	38	75		27.....	40	48	
12.....	27	70		28.....	38	44	.48
13.....	33	70		29.....	34	..	
14.....	34	70		30.....	..	..	
15.....	34	67	.22	31.....	..	..	
16.....	36	70					

Total rainfall for season to date.... 4.00 inches
To corresponding period last season 9.90 "

LOCAL NEWS

Come in and make your selections of the beautiful sets before the rush at the City Pharmacy.

Eugene McPherson, who was convicted in the superior court some five years ago on a charge of robbery at Pine Grove, and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in state prison, is out on parole. He has recently written to parties in Amador county, saying that he has been out several months, and also that he is about to be married. He has been working at a cement factory in Solano county.

A full line of holiday goods at right prices at City Pharmacy.

A boy named Ciapucca while riding a bicycle at Kennedy flat Christmas day, fell from the vehicle, and sustained a severe fracture of the left arm at the elbow.

The lucky number that drew the prize for the elegant set at the City Pharmacy was 310. The holder of the ticket can get the prize on presentation of the wining ticket.

Milton, the seven year old son of Albert Mattiey had a serious sinking spell Tuesday morning. caused by rheumatism of the heart. Doctors were summoned, but they were powerless to arrest the disease, and the little sufferer died the same evening. He was buried from the Catholic church yesterday.

Yes, on Saturday, January 6th, is the date, that starts the biggest sale that Jackson has ever seen, will be the talk of the town. Jackson Shoe Store.

John Chinn returned home Saturday evening, after several weeks in San Francisco under medical treatment. He is much improved.

Wallace Kay, who has been confined to the house for some time, has so far recovered as to be able to appear on the street.

Joe Phelps and wife arrived in Jackson Wednesday evening, and have taken apartments at the Globe hotel. On their arrival they were cordially greeted by their many friends. They will make their home at the Globe for the present.

P. Piccardo has enlarged his harness shop on Water street to double its size, by adding to the rear. His business had outgrown the contracted quarters. In the saddle and harness business he commands the trade not only from Amador county, but a large portion of Calaveras county.

Four boys made their escape from Preston school last Tuesday. They broke from the line, and made a run for liberty. Two of them were captured shortly afterward, within a short distance of the school, the officers never losing sight of the fugitives. C. Randell, a son of superintendent Randell was in Jackson Wednesday evening on the lookout for one boy, who is known to have been making east toward Pine Grove. His name is Taylor.

Presents for young and old, come in and we will select one for you at the City Pharmacy.

Maud Fortner, who has been attending the Stockton Business College for the past few months, came home last week to spend the holidays with her parents. She will return to the college after the new year.

Mr Jansens, of Lincoln, Placer county, came up the latter part of last week to spend a short visit with his wife's relatives, Mr and Mrs Wallace Kay.

Urban Spagnoli, who is employed in a drug store in Oakland, is spending the holiday season with his parents; also his brother Ernest, who is attending the Hastings law college in connection with the University, is home for the holidays.

Fred H. Cofer and bride returned from their honeymoon tour Sunday evening. Mrs Cofer on her return from the city spent two or three days at the home of her parents near Sutter Creek until their residence in Jackson was finished, and the happy pair are now established in their new home, a new residence erected by R. Monnter opposite the hospital grounds.

Dr. W. H. Scholtz, a practicing physician and surgeon of San Francisco, is visiting relatives in Jackson, the guest of his mother-in-law, Mrs Barker. He will remain until after New Year's day.

B. R. Breese and wife came up Sunday evening to spend Christmas with the former's relatives. He left for his duties in Oakland on Tuesday morning. Mrs Breese left the same morning for Plymouth, to spend a few days with her folks there.

The contest for the life-size doll offered by the Jackson Shoe Store for the nearest guess to the number of seeds contained in the large pumkin exhibited in the show window for several weeks past, came to a close Christmas morning. There were 503 seeds in the pumkin, and three persons namely, Miss Alma Kirkwood, Miss Asbury and Mrs P. Cuneo guessed the exact number of seeds, 503, so the tie will have to be decided by the successful guessers.

Get the weak spots in your old harness patched at Pete Piccardo's.

The officers closed up all the gambling games in Jackson Tuesday evening.

Lemons, oranges, and bananas constantly on hand at Nettle's Mkt.

On account of a break in the ditch the water was shut off from Jackson for domestic purposes the whole of Christmas afternoon. The break is said to have been caused by floating ice blocks in the canal. The weather was so cold at the headwaters of the canal that the ice had to be broken to keep any water supply going forward.

An elegant box of paper and envelopes makes a nice present, a nice assortment at the City Pharmacy.

The Christmas season in Jackson was the quietest, from a peace standpoint, that the town has experienced for many years. Not a man was arrested for infraction of the law. From a business point of view, it was busiest time ever enjoyed here. All the business houses did remarkably well, much better than last year. And this is the more remarkable from the fact that the mines have been running on short time owing to the slackness of water supply.

Buggy robes, horse blankets at P. Piccardo's harness shop. Prices to suit.

The Sunset Telephone Company moved into their new office on Court street this week. They have now very neat and convenient quarters, suitably located, and yet away from the bustle and noise of Main street. The offices have been nicely arranged and fitted up expressly for the business.

Next Sunday evening Rev. C. E. Winning of the Methodist church will take for his theme "Noble Discontent"—and his address will be appropriate to the New Year. Usual services in the morning. Sunday school at 2 p. m. All are welcome.

Miss Minnie Ford of San Francisco has been the guest of Mrs. Chas Kohler for the past week, and she has now left for Sheep Ranch, Calaveras county, to visit her mother.

The Echo says that Dave Phillips and Mrs Jennie Larsen were married in Sacramento on December 14, and have gone to Oroville to reside. The bride is well known in Jackson, where she lived for a number of years.

Don't forget that dry goods, hats, men's furnishing goods, ladies' Misses' and children's underwear; also a new stock of gents' wool underwear must go. See our ad for January 6th special sale, only 10 days sale. Jackson Shoe Store.

Geo. Murphy was taken danerously sick Saturday by a swelling of the throat, which interfered with speech and eating. Medical aid was summoned, and everything done to relieve him. He is reported as improving. The affliction is said to be due to stomach trouble.

A. Tracy, who jumped a board bill at the Union House amounting to $75, was captured by the chief of police of San Francisco in that city last week, and returned to Jackson on Saturday, and lodged in jail. He is still in durance vile. His correct name is said to be Williams. He has nomoney to pay his bill, and the only way seems to be to release him on bonds, and give him an opportunity to earn money to settle up.

January the 6th clearance sale at the Jackson Shoe Store.

Treasurer G. A. Gritton returned from Sacramento last week, after settling with the state for the first instalment of taxes. The amount due the state was $23504.44. Of this sum Amador county was entitled, as her proportion of school moneys, to the sum of $11473.62. So the treasurer paid the balance due the state, amounting to $12030.82.

William Fuller, who has been in Goldfield, Nev., is visiting his folks at Scottsville. He expects to return to the Nevada mining camp in about two weeks.

Divine service will be held in St. Augustine's church Sunday evening next, on account of being the fifth Sunday in the month. Service at 7:30 p. m.

The Ladies' Guild will meet with Mrs. C. Gibbert (Mason tract) next Wednesday afternoon, January 3rd. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings the coming year. New methods will be used to entertain those attending. Refreshments will be served.

Wanted, a girl to do light housekeeping. Inquire at Dr. Herrick's office, Jackson.

Mrs Brown, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Wallace Kay, left for her home in Lincoln, Placer county, on Tuesday. Her mother, Mrs Jansen, will return home Sunday next.

W. B. Camble has started a clothes pressing and cleaning business in Jackson.

January clearance sale to start on Saturday January 6th, Jackson Shoe Store.

Thos Hedgepath and his charming bride, returned from their bridal tour last Sunday, and have settled down to matrimonial life at the Globe hotel, where Mr. Hedgepath is employed as clerk.

Map of Amador County, corrected to 1904, for sale at Amador Ledger office.

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A SHOCKING TRAGEDY.

An Aged Couple Burned to Death At Amador on Christmas Eve.

One of the most terrible calamities that ever happened in the county occurred at Amador City on Christmas eve. Henry Williams, aged 80 and his wife Elizabeth, 76, occupied a small dwelling of two rooms in the rear of Chichizola's store. They lived alone, and in their advanced age were supported mainly by their relatives in Jackson. They usually retired to rest between 8 and 9 o'clock. It may be that being a festive time, and having received a number of Christmas presents from their relatives and friends, they delayed going to bed longer than usual on this fateful night—their last on earth. They had been inviting neighbors during the day to come and see the nice things their children had sent them. The night was a bitter cold one, and probably the old couple had piled on the yuletide logs a little more liberally than usual, and thereby brought on their own destruction. Neighbors passing the place early in the evening say they detected the odor of smoke and smoldering timbers. One person is reported to have heard a woman's voice crying for help to put out the fire. These circumstances are recalled now when the dreadful facts are known. They passed unnoticed at the time, in the noise and bustle of Christmas rejoicing. Shortly after ten a lurid glare attracted attention to the vicinity of the Williams home. It was found to be in flames. The sleeping room was visited by those first at the fire, and the bed being empty, it was concluded that the pair had either escaped or were away from home. Indeed it was reported as the flames were licking up the building and the life blood of the occupants, that they were away at Jackson spending Christmas with their married daughter. After the home was reduced to ashes this was the theory entertained, until Mr. Hambly, on his way home about half an hour after the fire had done its work, discovered the charred bodies of the victims in the smoldering debris.

The bodies were found where the kitchen, stood, and the posture of the victims told a pititul tale of heroic devotion and struggle for life. Mrs Williams was in stooping position on her hands and knees. Her husband was stooping over her. Evidently, they had attempted to escape by the kitchen door. In the effort the old lady, overcome by smoke and exertion, had fallen helpless. Her husband, true to the last, reached with both arms to carry her to safety, and was himself overcome and suffocated. the remains were burned beyond recognition. For over fifty years they had traveled life's pathway together, and in death were not divided. The cat—the only domestic animal and pet of the old pair -shared in the sad fate. Its remains lay close beside the two human bodies. Mrs Williams had her corset on when she fell to her death. Some think that perhaps they had not yet retired when they discovered the fire. On the other hand it may be that she attempted to put on some clothing when aroused to a realization of danger. The rings that she wore were found near where the bedstead stood. She was in the habit of taking them from her hands on retiring for the night, and John Mitchell her son-in-law, picked them from the debris the following day.

Chas Savage noticed the fire about twenty minutes after ten o'clock, and ran to the scene. He found the bedroom door opened and the kitchen door locked. He knew the inmates were there when the fire started, as they rarely went away from home, and never at such a late hour.

John Pierce and Farley Phipps, who arrived on the scene soon after the discovery of the fire, broke in the bedroom door, and got as far as the other door, when they were driven back by the volume of smoke. They did not see either of the old folks, but the bed was disarranged, showing that they had occupied it, and had evidently endeavored to escape. They took out the bedding, and as the bed was vacant they concluded the occupants had made good their escape.

E. H. Godat was the first to reach fire, in company with Sam Walker and Mr Canepa. He pushed open a window of the bedroom, and saw the bedclothes therein, as if thrown aside hastily, as though the bed had been recently occupied. But no one saw or heard the victims after the discovery of the fire until their charred remains were found in the ruins after the flames had subsided.

The following persons constituted the jury at the inquest held on the morning of the 25th: H. F. Coster, Geo J. Tucker, E. A. Cook, John Hagerman, F. M. Bryant and Frank Johnson. Not the least light was thrown upon the origin of the fire. A verdict was returned that the deceased, Henry Williams and his wife, Elizabeth Williams, natives of England, aged about 75 years, came to their death by suffocation in the fire that destroyed their home on the 24th December.

The sad occurrence cast a gloom over the entire community, imparting a mournful feeling throughout the Christmas festivities. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from the M. E. church. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all in this terrible visitation.

Besides the daughter Mrs John Mitchell, other relatives are Mr and Mrs Trotheway, Mrs R. Ousby and Mrs O. Wrigglesworth. The relatives were looking forward to a family gathering, embracing 18 persons, at the advent of the new year.

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Prostrated by Over Study.

Miss Clara Anderson, a school teacher of this county, who taught in the Julian district the last two terms, was brought up from Berkeley last Sunday, suffering from nervous prostration brought on by over study. She was accompanied by Miss Pierce, a trained nurse, who attended S. W. Bright during his recent spell of sickness. She is now being taken care of at the residence of Mrs. Bright on Pitt street, at whose invitation and proffer of a home she was brought thither. The case of Miss Anderson is a peculiarly sad one. She is a talented young lady. In the contest last summer for several trips to the Portland fair offered by the Sacramento Union, she was the successful candidate in the district comprising Amador and Calaveras counties. She was at that time teaching school at Julian in Jackson valley. At the close of the school term, with the other successful contestant, she took the trip to the Lewis and Clark exposition, and enjoyed it as thoroughly as any of her companions. It was her announced intention to enter the California University, and take a course of study in that institution She was ambitious, and an ardent student, bright mentally and quick to learn. She started on her university career, and applied herself to her studies so closely that her health gave way, forcing her to quit. She was staying at the residence of Mr and Mrs C. T. Bartlett, in Berkeley. Hearing of her unfortunate plight, Mrs Bright, with whom she had been a protege when attending public school in Jackson, offered her a home in her affliction. She is under the doctor's care, and it is believed that a few months rest from mental exertion and study will suffice to restore her to her wonted health.

Board of Education.

The board of education of Amador county met in the office of superintendent of schools, at Jackson, on December 23. All the members were present. Renewals of grammar grade certificates were issued to: Rachel A. Robinson, Anna Kreisman, Esther L. Breese and Mrs Ella Lambert, (nee Bergin).

Permanent certificates were issued to: Nelly Payne, Esther Devan, Margaret E. Devan and Nettie B. Morrow.

The Introductory History of the United States—State Series—was adopted for use in the 7th primary grade of the public schools of Amador county.

Bad Indeed.

Losing flesh is indeed a bad sign. Take Scott's Emulsion for it. For weak indigestion, for defective nourishment, for consumption, take Scott's Emulsion. It restores flesh because it strikes to the cause of the loss.

Christmas Cantata.

Not less than three hundred people crowded into the Methodist church last Saturday evening to witness the presentation of the cantata, "At Santa Claus' home," by the pupils of the Sunday school. Mrs Duden, superintendent of the school, and Mrs Winning had trained the children (about fifty of them) and so carefully had they been trained that all were delighted with the program. Only a well organized, well officered and healthy school could in a town of the size of Jackson present as creditably, so difficult a cantata as "At Santa Claus' Home." The tree was a beautiful cypress, procured by Messrs. Hattersley and Rice from near New York Ranch. It contained nothing save the usual decorations, and a gift for each enrolled pupil of the school. All present voted the Methodist entertainment a success.

Lynch Sues Mining Company.

Edward Lynch brought suit yesterday in the superior court against the Keystone Consolidated Mining Company and M. Jasper McDonald, who owns almost all of the company's stock, for $20,000, for services rendered as an attorney and otherwise, and also for his monthly stipend. The company owns mines at Amador City, and its net profits are said to average $6000 or more monthly. In March, 1901, McDonald, as president of the company, agreed that Lynch should be paid $20,000 for services rendered up to that time and $150 per month afterward. The $20,000 was to come out of the net profits of the mine. Lynch alleges that the accounts have been kept in a fraudulent manner for the purpose of concealing the net profits. In last July the company notified Lynch that he was discharged from its service, but he claims that he is entitled to pay for two months, as he received no allowance for June and July.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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SUTTER CREEK ITEMS.
From the Record.

Elisha Hampton, connected with the Oneida mine, who was operated upon about three weeks ago at the McNut hospital, San Francisco, for appendicitis, is able to be up and his recovery will soon be complete.

H. W. Wood, clerk of the District Court of Appeals, Third Appellate District, owner of the Record, which paper he so successfully conducted before being appointed to the position he now occupies, we regret to learn is having serious trouble with his eyes, and is at present under occulist's care in San Francisco. His friends here hope for his speedy and permanent recovery.

Mention was made in these columns last week that Frank Wildman was seriously ill at his home in Auburn, Placer county suffering from pneumonia. Since that time he, apparently was recovering, when Brights disease in an aggravated form, carried him off Tuesday of this week. Frank Wildman was born in Sutter Creek about forty-nine years ago, where he resided a long number of years. When death overtook him he was a railroad station agent at Auburn, a position he had held for a number of years past.

His funeral will be held at Berkeley, from the home of a sister, Mrs John Kirkland, today. Besides the sister mentioned, deceased leaves an aged mother and a sister, Mrs Wm. J. McGee, residents of Sutter Creek and a wife and two children.

Boarding House Strike.

A curious and amusing strike occurred at a the boarding house last week, owing to a ludicrous mistake on the part of the boarders. It seems a dead cow had been lying on a nearby hill for several days. It was missed this week. About the same time the boarding house keeper killed a fine heifer, which he purchased a day or so before, with several other head of cattle. As he was wont to do, he prepared the meat for the table use. One or two of the men, aware of the disappearance of the dead carcass first mentioned, became suspicious, with the result that all the boarders preferred to go hungry for a meal or two, pending investigation. Sheriff Norman was called into the case, and went out to look into it, and the mine superintendent, as soon as he heard of the matter quickly dispelled the men's suspicion. He had the dead animal removed, and buried in an old prospect hole, where the suspecting ones might find it if they were so disposed. As for the beef at the boarding house, it was found to be of the purest quality, and fit for the table of an epicure. With these explanations, the boarders indulged in a royal feast, making up for their self-imposed fast.

A Costly Spree.

Albert and John Ambrogli got on a spree in Jackson Friday night. They are brothers and came to town to indulge in Christmas cheer. During the evening they became boisterous and destructive, and smashed the glass in the front of John Chinn's saloon. They landed in jail for this escapade, and afterward had to dig up $85 to get out of limbo. It cost $20 to settle the damage, and $20 each to pay court fines.

The Traveling Library.

The Jackson Library Association has received this week a new library, No 28, from the state librarian, in lieu of one returned last week. Borrowers can now take out books as formerly. The library quarters have been changed from the Ledger office to the City Pharmacy, where Mr Rusher will be pleased to issue books free of charge to old and new borrowers. Finding lists containing a complete list of all the books embraced in the library may be obtained of the secretary at the drug store. The Ledger office was some what inconvenient for library purpose, and the editor had little time to devote to the matter. Now that the free library is fairly started we have no doubt it will be in its new home even more liberally patronized than in the past.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned tenders sincere thanks to all kind friends who rendered aid in the terrible calamity resulting in the deah of Henry Williams and wife on Christmas eve, at Amador City, and also to all who assisted in the last sad rites to the deceased.

Mrs John Mitchell
and Family.

Jackson, Dec. 26, 1905.

Surgical Operation.

Margaret Leam, the fourteen year old child of Mr and Mrs Harry Leam, was subjected to a serious surgical operation on Wednesday last. She has been sick for several weeks, suffering from an abscess on the left lung. The only hope of relief was in an operation. This was successfully performed by Drs. Endicott and Gall, assisted by Dr. Scholtz, on Wednesday last. The patient is doing as well as could be expected, and her complete restoration is looked for.

Give Your Stomach Rest.

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MINING NOTES.

Keystone—A big cave occurred in the Keystone mine at Amador City during Thursday night and Friday. The break-down involves from the 450 or 500 level to the surface, in the neighborhood of north shaft where no hoisting works are located. The extent of the disaster is not fully known at present. The surface ground was so disturbed that the pipe supplying the town was broken and the water supply shut off for hours; also the power line was thrown out of line, and had to be straightened. No one was injured. Whether the shutdown on account of water failure occurred before the cave we do not know. However the other shaft was available, and is not involved in the mishap. It is said the cave will not interfere with the operation of the mine, beyond contracting to some extent at least the available ore to supply the milling capacity of sixty stamps and two roller mills.

Little ore had been coming from this section: the ore body was about worked out. Immense openings had been made under the former management, with the view of abondoning that part as exhausted of its pay ore. The miners were aware of danger, for some time before the collapse came there had been given premonitions of the coming disaster. On the day it occurred, we are told, there were a few men working near that part of the mine. Shortly before the cave the warnings well known to the underground toilers were so emphatic that they all made haste to retreat to the shaft to get away. Before they reached the shaft the tremendous drop occurred. The disturbance of air caused by the sudden descent of such a vast mass, through chambers hundreds of feet in size, may be imagined. Such was the force of the air currents set in motion that all the lights carried by the retreating miners, who were hundreds of feet away, were blown out, and the last two men that brought up the rear guard were knocked down. Miraculously, no one was hurt. Not only on the levels above the 500 foot was the concussion felt, but as for below as the 800 level the candles of the miners were extinguished by the onrush of air currents.

Other reports are to the effect that none were working in that particular part of the mine; furthermore, that the break was anticipated and provided against.

On the surface a number of openings have appeared. One family whose house stood within the surface area of disturbance has been compelled to abandon his home. Through the breaking of the pipe supplying the town with water for domestic use the small reservoir was emptied into the mine. This, however, did not amount to much. It is claimed that the mishap will do little damage to the mine, and will not materially interfere with future working; that in fact it is more of a benefit than a detriment.

Defender—At this mine work has been suspended until spring, owing to the difficulties incident to cold weather and wintry roads. F. M. Pense, who has been engineer at the mine for several months, came home a few days ago, pending the suspension of operations. J. H. G. Wolf has been operating the property on a lease. He is well satisfied with the mine. But on realizing the difficulties that faced him in continuing operations this winter wisely concluded to suspend until April or May.

The Placerville Republican announces that J. W. Caldwell has been appointed city attorney of Jackson. It may be that he has been decided upon as the appointee, but no official action has been taken as yet, as no regular meeting can be held until Thursday next. It is reported around town that R. C. Bole is being urged for the appointment for attorney; also that John A. Brown is after the office city surveyor. The night watchman, F. W. Parker, is in a quandary. Certainly his appointment is in the hands of the trustees. He has been supported by the business men principally by private subscriptions paid monthly. But naturally, now that the town has ranged itself for self-government, these private subscriptions, or at least most of them, will cease, and the city treasury will be called upon to bear the burden.

Dr. C. A. Herrick returned Saturday from San Francisco, where for two weeks he had been attending the meeting of the state board of dental examiners.

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A girl loafer. That does not sound very pretty, does it? asks the Philadelphia Bulletin. And yet there are a good many girls whom the title fits. In other words, there are girls who spend their time doing absolutely nothing. Circumstances do not render it necessary for them to earn their living, and so they stay at home and fritter the precious moments away in useless pursuits or idleness. Don't a good many of them lie in bed in the morning and let their mothers get up and get breakfast? And don't you think they also dress up in their best clothes and spend the afternoons enjoying themselves, while their mothers stay home and prepare the evening meal? And when they are home they spend their time reading trashy novels or trimming equally trashy hats.

When a girl goes to a party, and is late getting to bed, she looks on it as quite proper and natural that she should be in bed late the next morning, and all of the family accepts the fact as a matter of course. But if the mother is up half the night with an ailing baby, neither her lazy daughter nor any other member of the family seems to think it necessary that she should stay in bed and make up her broken sleep. Perhaps if some of these girls could appreciate the enormous value of time, they would not waste it. Our lives are such tiny drops in the ocean of time, that we can never, never call back one precious lost minute.

Dear girls, don't allow yourselves to be called by that ugly word "loafer," and yet you will be if you deserve it. If your brothers lie around the house all day, half-dressed and doing nothing, they would be called "loafers," so why not you as well as they? "Loafing" is a habit that grows on one with fatal rapidity, and unless you want to be held irrevocably in its clutches, you must break away from it at once.

A CHIMNEY-SWIFT'S NEST.

It Is Made of Small Twigs Fastened Securely Together with the Bird's Saliva.

One morning late in June I climbed to the top of our house to look around the country, relates Russell M. Coryell, in St. Nicholas. I had not been there long when I felt a rush of air on my head and I saw a chimney-swift, improperly called a chimney-swallow, flying away for another swoop at me. I then realized that I must be near its nest, and looking down a chimney near by, I saw, after my eyes had become used to the light, a nest within three feet of the top with five pure white eggs about half an inch long in it. It was the first time I had ever known a chimney-swift to build so near the top of a chimney, for it usually builds some few feet down where there is a bend which keeps out the rain that would soften the glue with which the nest is held together.

I thought it would be interesting to take a picture of the nest, and this being such a good chance, I did so, much to the dislike of the birds, who kept making swoops at me.

The nest of a chimney-swift is not made, like that of most birds, of hair, leaves or grass, but of small twigs which the swift gathers while flying, and which are stuck together with the bird's saliva, which is glutinous.

It is very interesting to watch a swift, which is a remarkably good flyer. It never seems to tire and never rests except when it is on the nest. It is on the wing all the day and is said sometimes to fly a thousand miles in 24 hours. Chimney swifts are good friends of the insurance companies because they knock the soot down and make it less easy for the chimney to catch fire.

Song Bird in Arctics.

Singing birds have been found in numerous quantities by explorers within the arctic circle. The immense crops of berries that ripen in the northern swamps account for the presence of the birds.

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FLOGGED AUTOMATICALLY.

New Machine Adopted in the Russian Army for Use on Unruly Soldiers.

The spanking machine has been used in farce comedy as a mirth provoker, but the flogging machine now adopted in the Russian army is a more complicated and serious affair, states the New York Herald.

The whipping has always been done by other soldiers under the command of an officer, and the punishment has varied according to the feeling of the soldier toward his victim.

The new machine is automatic in its action, and as soon as the culprit is fastened in position a spring is tightened or loosened to gauge the exact force of the blow. A pointer is moved over a dial to the requisite number of strokes and the mechanism is started.

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HAD ALL QUALIFICATIONS.

Career for Which Young Graduate with Protruding Chin Was Eminently Fitted.

"Professor," said the young graduate with the protruding chin, "I am about to start in life and perhaps you could suggest some fitting career."

"Well, my dear sir," said the professor, relates the New York Sun, "that's a hard question. There's law, medicine, journalism, business, science—"

"But I have no liking for any of those ordinary pursuits. You see I am rather husky and powerful, but yet I dislike to use my strength in any kind of labor."

"Well, I won't suggest that you become a policeman or a pugilist, though those are the qualifications. Tell me further of your ambitions and I will advise you definitely."

"Ah," said the husky youth, "my ambition is to be a ruler of men, to hold some autocratic position, where people will bow to me respectfully and fear my power, and—and—"

"Ah, my boy, you are eminently fitted to be the janitor of a flathouse," said the professor, decisively.

UTTERS AN AWFUL THREAT

Dire Measures Threatened by Saloonkeeper When Patrons Became Disorderly.

Down on the West side there is a little beer saloon run by a little old-fashioned Irishman. The saloon proper, says the New York Sun, is about as big as a good-sized hall bedroom, and is furnished with a few tables and rickety chairs and a small stove. Nearly every night a lot of Irishmen of the neighborhood gather here to play 45 and drink mixed ale. A few nights ago there was a row over a game. They broke the tables and chairs, tipped over the stove and put the place in a bad way generally.

The proprietor took the shindy quietly for about half an hour. Then when two of the bunch were in a corner trying to pound the life out of each other he spoke up and said:

"Here, now! Ye b'ys will have to quit ye'r foolin' or I'll take the cards away from ye."

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SHIRT OF AVERAGE MAN.

Don't Buy Cheap Wearing Apparel Is Motto Gleaned from Recital of Experts on Subject.

The average man who buys cheap shirts wonders why the sleeves are always in wrong.

"That's the fault of cheapness," said Mr. Duncan C. Coale, of Newark, to the Baltimore News. "In making up big lots of cheap shirts the bodies, bands and sleeves are made in separate batches. One machine, for instance, will do nothing but turn out sleeves. They are cut and sewed independent of everything else, and afterward put on the shirt just as they happen to come out. And that's the reason your button always comes around to the inside instead of where it ought to be. A man who buys such a shirt ought to take it right back to the seller as soon as he discovers the fact. I'll warrant you that nine out of ten shirts of that class have the sleeves iln wrong.

"In shirts it doesn't pay to look for cheapness. You can't get quality for a song, and a few dollars more the dozen will be economy in the long run, for you've got the material and finish in the first place, and in the second place the goods will stand laundering better, and will always have a nice, fresh appearance. There is a great run this season on very flimsy goods—in this respect following the woman's shirtwaist—and in designs delicacy is the point aimed at by the makers of the best brands. A misfortune for the wearer is that the attached cuff is very much in vogue. I have to wear two shirts a day in my ordinary course of business, because with the utmost care the cuff will get soiled, and you cannot change the cuff without changing the whole shirt. In the course of a year the laundry bill is considerable—inconvenience of the thing aside.

"What is the most expensive shirt I have ever seen? Well, a couple of years ago I saw a fancy shirt made for a fellow in Wyoming that must have been worth several hundred dollars. It was of the finest leather, elaborately decorated, and the buttons were $5 gold pieces, while over the left pocket was a medallion made of a $30 gold piece with a diamond set in the center. It was a fad of a wealthy cattle owner of that state, where showy trappings are as highly prized as monkey dinners at Newport. I don't know that he wore it, but if he did, all right. It was his shirt, not mine."

THE TREE THAT LI PLANTED

Inscription on Grant's Tomb Looked Upon in Humorous Manner by Thousands of Visitors.

Many of the thousands who visit Grant's tomb are at first a little puzzled, and then are inclined to laugh, when they read the following inscription on the bronze tablet that stands a few hundred feet north of the monument:

"This tree was planted to commemorate the greatness of Ex-President Ulysses S. Grant by Li Hung Chang, A. D. 1897."

There would be nothing amusing about the tablet were it not for the fact that there are two trees, standing like sentinels, one on each side of it, relates the Philadelphia Ledger.

"Which tree is it?" the visitor wonders, feeling sure that he has a joke on the park department. Not a few take the trouble to look up the custodian of the monument for an explanation of the mystery. When they leave him they look wiser, and often quite sheepish, for he intimates that, after all, it is not so remarkable for a well-informed man to know that when a great man is to be commemorated in this way it would be unwise to plant only one tree. If two are planted, one is likely to live. Here both are living, and there is no harm done.

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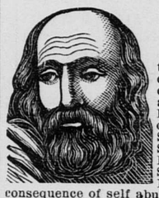
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